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COMMON COUNCIL.

THURSDAY, November 13th, 1856.

Council met.

The President in the Chair.

Members present.

Messrs. Alexander,
Baird,
Baker, Abraham,
Barber,
Barton,
Bevan,
Boller,
Booth,
Borie,
Boyle,
Bradford,
Bremer,
Bromley,
Brown, Benjamin H.
Brown, M. C.

Messrs. Brownholtz,
Brouse,
Butler,
Catherwood,
Craven,
Deal, J. F.,
Deal, William,
Dougherty,
Dutton,
Elliott,
Fitler,
Ford,
Geiss,
Hagner,
Harper,

Messrs. Hassinger,	Messrs. McMakin,
Henry,	McManus,
Holman,	McNeal,
Horrocks,	Northrop,
Hubbard,	O'Neill,
Iseminger,	Owen,
Jackson,	Parker,
Kelly,	Porter,
Kershaw,	Robb,
King,	Roberts, C. B.,
Leech,	Roberts, Spencer,
Lex,	Roberts, T. J.,
Lindsay,	Slocum,
Martin,	Sorver,
Mascher,	Stevenson,
Mecutchen,	Vanhorn,
Melloy,	Vogdes,
Miller,	Welsh,
Monaghan,	Winship,
Murphy,	Wright,
Patterson, President.	

Mr. Leech

Moved to dispense with the reading of the Journal.

Agreed to.

Mr. Baird

Presented a petition from the Hope Hose Company, asking that the Fire Alarm Box be removed from Second and Dock to Second and Union streets.

Referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Henry,

One from E. W. Shippen & Co., asking payment of their claim for furnishing Iron Lamp Posts, &c., to the late District of Belmont, with a copy of agreement.

Mr. Sorver,

A Bill from Logan and Alcott, for Charcoal furnished the Court Houses.

Which were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Mascher,

A petition from Citizens of the Eleventh Ward, asking for a Gas Lamp to be placed at the corner of Buttonwood and Boork street.

Mr Craven,

One of like import from Citizens residing in the neighborhood of Twelfth and Carlton streets, in the Fourteenth Ward.

Mr. Vanhorn,

One of like import from Citizens residing on the south side of Wallace street, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets, in the Fifteenth Ward.

Mr. Dougherty,

One of like import from the Managers and Members of the Young Men's Central Home Mission, in Bedford above Sixth street.

Mr. Leech,

One of like import from residents of the vicinity of the corner of Mary and Oak streets, in the Twenty-fourth Ward.

Mr. Barton

One of like import from Citizens of Seventeenth Ward, residing on Fourth street, south of Harrison Avenue.

Mr. Butler,

One of like import from Citizens residing on Letitia street, between Chestnut and Market and Front and Second streets.

Also, 3

One of like import from residents on the north side of Walnut, west of Sixteenth street, in the Eighth Ward.

Which were referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Hagner,

One from Citizens in the vicinity of Twenty-third street, from Green to Coates street, and Gold street, from Twenty-third street to the Pennsylvania Avenue, asking that the same may be graded and paved.

Mr. Wright,

One from Citizens of the Fifteenth Ward, asking that Eighteenth street, from Coates street, south to North street, asking that the same may be curbed and paved.

Mr. Miller,

One from owners of property on Franklin and Morris streets, between Jefferson Avenue and Fourth street, in the First Ward, asking permission to contract with George Shaffer, to pave the same.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Leech,

A communication from William Saffin, asking for an appropriation to the County Prison, for the use of the Debtors' Apartment.

Referred to the Committee on Prisons.

Mr. Harper,

A communication from E. Bender, in reference to a claim against him, by the City, for paving Franklin street.

Referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Butler,

One from Hibernia and other Fire Companies, asking for the payment of claims for services.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Vogdes,

A petition from owners of property on Oak and Moore streets, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, asking that water pipe may be laid thereon.

Referred to the Committee on Water Works.

The President

Presented the following communications from the Mayor :

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA.

November 11th, 1856.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :—

In conformity with a Joint Resolution, passed at the last stated meeting of Councils; I return to the body in which it originated, the

“Resolution to authorize the construction of a culvert across the property of Henry J. Williams, Esq., in the Fifteenth Ward.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the Department of Highways is hereby authorized to construct a Culvert from the depression in the grade of the Upper Ferry Road, near the Wire Bridge, across the property of Henry J. Williams, Esq., into the Schuylkill, said culvert to be of such dimensions and at such depth below the surface as the Survey Department may determine.”

It is therefore again before the Common Council for such action as may be deemed proper. With entire respect I ask your indulgence to remark, that the 20th Section of the Act of 21st of April, 1855, contains among its provisions, that no contract for the construction of any new culvert, to be paid for by the City, shall be binding without an Ordinance therefor.

The 21st Section of the same Act, declares that no appropriation shall be made of the money of the said City,

without an Ordinance therefor, expressing the object thereof, and the amount appropriated for each object. The duty is enjoined upon the Mayor to withhold his signature from all Ordinances for new constructions, as aforesaid; referring to those mentioned in the 20th Section; until the interest accruing on the loans of the City, and principal of those becoming due, and the ordinary and necessary expenses of the City, and the administration of justice in the County, shall be adequately provided for. Under these provisions of the Act, a new culvert is forbidden to be made by the City, at the cost of the City, until its financial condition is placed on the basis indicated by the Act.

It is no doubt the earnest desire of a large majority of the Councils of the City, that every effort should be made to place the public credit on the most substantial basis, without the legislative intimation contained in the words of the law referred to. Exertions are making to do this, and it is believed they will be successful. The most urgent necessity, allow me to say, Gentlemen, exists for such legislation by Councils, as will place the warrants drawn by the Departments, in conformity with law, at their par value. The loss occasioned by their sale at a depreciation, falls on those who ought not to be made the sufferers. Their necessities prevent them from holding their warrants until their value can be obtained. At the present time these warrants are worth but 90 cents on the dollar, affording to those who purchase them, the exorbitant interest of more than 16 per cent. per annum, the surplus interest being realized from the suffering creditors of the City, least able to sustain such loss, but without other means of present support.

This condition of the warrants, is the most favorable investment that capital can make; for the loan of the City at 6 per cent. if at par, would be only the lawful interest and that too subject to the State Tax.

It is not wise that this state of our finances should be continued, even for a moment, if it can be prevented, by the action of Councils.

The amount due for outstanding warrants drawn before the 13th of May, 1856, is reported to be \$ 667,329.25, Appendix Common Council Journal, page 14. The liqui-

dation of this indebtedness is eating into the cash payments now daily received at the City Treasury.

It is not just that the discredit or depreciation of warrants drawn, and for which no cash is on hand for payment, should fall on the present administration of the City affairs, and if the above view is correct, does not attach to it!

I do not desire to express any opinion as to the policy which contracted debts, which the present funds are absorbed to pay, thus putting off warrants now drawn, and expected to be paid out of the present income, and hence increasing the depreciation of all such evidences of City debt, old and new. Justice to the holders, and the public, requires that the real cause of their non-payment should be fully understood.

There is little encouragement to save the public money and reduce taxation, unless the truth is known as to the condition of the finances, prior to the date referred to. If a loan is to be created for the payment of the indebtedness, which exists, I respectfully suggest, that the certificates bear on their face the facts, when the indebtedness which it is raised to pay, was created. This could be done by a simple arrangement, and the consequence would be, that the public could compare the amount of debt left to be paid on the 13th of May, 1856, and the amount contracted since. We must not lose sight of the fact, in this connection, that the interest on the City debt will be due in less than sixty days. Nothing must be allowed to prevent its prompt payment, and measures should be taken to procure this result.

This occasion has been taken, as at least appropriate to make these suggestions, while the subject is receiving your attention.

It is of most urgent, and real importance to the interests of the City.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
November 13th, 1856.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN :—

The following Ordinance and Resolution have been approved and signed, viz :

On the 8th inst. "An Ordinance to make an additional appropriation to the Inspectors of the County Prison, for the year 1856."

On the 11th inst. "A Resolution in reference to the ringing of the Fire Alarm Bells."

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Which were laid on the table.

Also,

A communication from John McCarthy, Chief Commissioner of Highways, submitting an application from Lane Schofield, to have his contract for cleaning the Fourth District cancelled. (Appendix No. 1.)

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

A communication from the Commissioner of City Property, informing Council that he had transmitted to the Hon. James Buchanan, a certified copy of the Resolution tendering to him the use of Independence Hall, in the event of his visiting the City.

Laid on the table.

Also,

A communication from George Mock and Edwin B. Hutchins, Messengers of the Mayor, asking an increase of salary.

Referred to the Committee on Police.

Also,

A communication from Stephen Taylor, City Controller, asking authority to employ an additional clerk. (Appendix No. 2.)

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

One from the Controllers of Public Schools, informing Council that an appropriation is required to defray the expenses of the Public Schools of the First School District. (Appendix No. 3.)

Also,

One from the same, presenting a Resolution adopted by that body, in favor of the payment of the claim of Professor Rorie, for services rendered as Teacher of the German Language to the Central High School, and asking that a warrant may be drawn for the same. (Appendix No. 4.)

Which were referred to the Committee on Schools.

Also,

An invitation from the Committee of the Franklin Institute, for members to attend their Annual Exhibition.

Mr. Mascher

Moved that the invitation be accepted.

Agreed to.

Mr. Booth

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 39, Common Council File, entitled "An Ordinance to authorize a loan to pay Claims against the Corporation."

Agreed to.

The Bill being read,

Mr. Stevenson

Moved that Council resolve itself into Committee of the whole in order to make special amendments.

Agreed to.

Mr. Hassinger

Was called to the Chair.

The proceedings of the Committee of the whole were suspended for the present by the introduction of the officers and members of the Select Council.

Councils being assembled in Convention,

The President

Announced the object thereof to be the election of three Directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad, three Directors of the Sunbury and Erie Railroad, three Directors of the North Western Railroad and two members of the Board of Health in place of Dr. T. F. Betton and ——— Thomas, resigned.

Mr. Owen

Moved that the Convention adjourn to meet this day two weeks

Agreed to.

Select Council retired.

Mr. Hassinger

Resumed the Chair.

After some time the Committee rose, and

The Chairman

Reported the Bill without amendment.

The First Section being under consideration,

Mr. King

Moved to amend the same as follows :

Strike out the words "eight hundred thousand," in the fifth and sixth lines, and insert the words "six hundred and five thousand."

Mr. Mascher

Called the previous question, and was sustained by the following members rising in their places, to wit :

Messrs. Bremer, McManus, Catherwood, Murphy, Wright, Martin, Winship, Alexander, T. J. Roberts, Mascher, Lindsay and Iseminger.

On the question,

"Shall the main question be now put?"

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Miller, and Parker,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Booth, Bremer, Bromley, Brownholtz, Butler, Catherwood, William Deal, Dutton, Fitler, Geiss, Iseminger, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Me-cutchen, Melloy, Murphy, McManus, Owen, Porter, Spencer Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Snyder, Welsh, Winship and Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barber, Barton, Bevan, Boller, Boyle, Bradford, Benjamin H. Brown, Brouse, Crease, Craven, J. F. Deal, Dougherty, Elliott, Ford, Hagner, Harper, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Hubbard, Jackson, Kelly, King, Leech, Lex, Miller, Monaghan, McCleary, McMakin, McNeal, Northrop, O'Neill, Parker, Reed, Robb, C. B. Roberts, Slocum, Sor-ver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes and Patterson, Pres't.

Yeas 27. Nays 46.

It was not agreed to.

The question being on the amendment offered by Mr. King.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. King and Barber,

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barber, Benjamin H. Brown, Ford, Harper, King, Miller, Parker and Stevenson.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barton, Bevan, Boller, Booth, Borie, Boyle, Bradford, Bremer, Bromley, Brownholtz, Brouse, Butler, Catherwood, Crease, Craven, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Fitler, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Hubbard, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, Leech, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Owen, Porter, Reed, Robb, C. B. Roberts, Spencer Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Slocum, Snyder, Sorver, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Welsh, Wright and Patterson, President.

Yeas 8. Nays 61.

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to strike out the word "eight," in the fifth line, and insert "two."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Northrop

Moved to strike out all after the word "dollars," in the thirteenth line.

Not agreed to.

The question recurring on the Section,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Northrop and McCleary,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barton, Bevan, Boller, Booth, Borie, Boyle, Bradford, Bremer, Bromley, Brownholtz, Brouse, Butler, Catherwood, Crease, Craven, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Fitler, Ford, Geiss, Hagner, Harper, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Hubbard, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, Leech, Lex, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Owen, Porter, Reed, Robb, C. B. Roberts, Spencer Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Slocum, Snyder, Sorver, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Welsh, Winship and Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Barber, King, Miller, Northrop, Stevenson and Patterson, President.

Yeas 65. Nays 6.

It was agreed to.

The Second Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill was ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

Mr. Owen

Moved to proceed to the third reading of the Bill.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Northrop and Miller,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Abr'm Baker, Barton, Bevan, Boller, Booth, Borie, Boyle, Bradford, Bremer, Bromley, Brownholtz, Brouse, Butler, Catherwood, Crease, Craven, William Deal, Dutton, Elliott, Fitler, Ford, Geiss, Hagner, Harper, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Hubbard, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly,

Leech, Lex, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Murphy, McCleary, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Owen, Porter, Reed, Robb, Spencer Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Slocum, Snyder, Sorver, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Welsh, Winship and Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Barber, Benjamin H. Brown, Miller, Northrop, Stevenson and Patterson, President.

Yeas 61. Nays 6.

It was agreed to.

The Bill was then read a third time.

And on the question “Shall this Bill pass?”

The Yeas and Nays were ordered by the President and were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Abr'm Baker, Barton, Bevan, Boller, Booth, Borie, Boyle, Bradford, Bremer, Bromley, Brownholtz, Brouse, Butler, Catherwood, Crease, Craven, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Fitler, Ford, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Hubbard, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, Leech, Lex, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, Mc Makin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Owen, Porter, Reed, Robb, C. B. Roberts, Spencer Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Slocum, Snyder, Sorver, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Welsh, Winship and Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Barber, Benjamin H. Brown, King, Miller, Northrop, Parker, Stevenson and Patterson, Pres't.

Yeas 65. Nays 8.

It was agreed to.

Select Council

Informed that they had passed a Resolution to have the footways on Fifteenth and Carlile streets, from Thomp-

son street to Columbia Avenue, and Jefferson street and Columbia Avenue, from Broad to Fifteenth streets, graded, curbed and paved.

Also,

A Resolution requiring the Chief Commissioner of Highways to notify the owners of property, over which Huntingdon street has been laid out, from Germantown Road to the Lamb Tavern Road, in the Twenty-first Ward, that the same will be opened as a public Highway at the end of three months.

Also,

A Resolution to authorize the paving of Thompson street, from Eighth to Eleventh streets.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

That they had passed "An Ordinance to authorize the sale of certain stocks, owned by the City of Philadelphia."

Also,

That they had passed a Resolution to accept James McFillin and Charles McDonough, as sureties of Patrick McDonough, Supervisor of the Third District.

Which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

A Resolution to authorize the Chief Engineer of the Water Department, to employ two temporary Clerks for sixty days.

Mr. Hassinger

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to adjourn.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Lindsay

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the Committee on Police be directed to inquire into the propriety of having a Gas Lamp placed at the south-east corner of Shippen and Fifteenth streets.

Mr. Lindsay

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to lay the Resolution on the table.

Not agreed to.

It was then read a second time and adopted.

Mr. Elliott

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the City Controller, be and he is hereby directed to report to Common Council, at his earliest convenience, the amount unexpended to the date of said report, to the credit of each item in the annual appropriations made to the Departments of Highways, City Property and Water, for the year 1856.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Harper

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer of the Department of Water, be and he is hereby directed to report to Common Council, at his earliest convenience, the number of feet

of Iron Pipe, and of each size respectively, laid during the year 1856, to date of his report, specifying those laid before the first of July and since.

Mr. Harper

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Owen

Offered the following :

Resolved, That when this Chamber adjourn, it will be to meet on Wednesday next, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. Owen

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Stevenson and Harper,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Abraham Baker, Boller, Boyle, Bradford, Bromley, Benjamin H. Brown, Brouse, Butler, Catherwood, William Deal, Dutton, Elliott, Ford, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Iseminger, Jackson, Lex, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Monaghan, McMakin, McNeal, Northrop, Owen, Porter, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Vanhorn, Welsh, Winship, Wright and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. A. J. Baker, Barton, Crease, Dougherty, Harper, Miller, McManus and Sorver.

Yeas 40. Nays 8.

It was agreed to.

Mr. Boller

Offered the following :

Resolved, By the Common Council, that the Committee on Highways be directed to inquire whether the provisions of the Resolution relative to the repair, &c., of the Bridge, on Green Lane, near the line of the North Pennsylvania Railroad, in the Twenty-second Ward, passed on the 6th of October last, are being complied with; also, whether the said Bridge is being re-built, and by whose authority, and at what cost; also, whether any portion of said public Lane, by the side of the said Bridge, has been fenced off, and appropriated to his or their use, by any property holder or holders in the neighborhood.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Northrop,

Chairman of the Joint Committees of Surveys and Port Wardens,

To which were referred the Amendments by Select Council to Bill No. 21, Common Council File, fixing the Wharf Lines on the Delaware River, reported the same as committed. (Appendix No. 5.)

Mr. Baird

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the Bill as amended.

Agreed to.

The First Amendment being read,

Mr. Parker

Asked for a call of the house.

The roll was called and the Clerk reported that thirty-eight members answered to their names, to wit:

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barber, Boller, Boyle, Bradford, Bromley, Benjamin H. Brown, Brouse, Butler, Catherwood, Crease, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Ford, Hagner, Hassinger,

Henry, Iseminger, Lex, Martin, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, McManus, McNeal, Northrop, Owen, Parker, Porter, Robb, Stevenson, Welsh, Winship and Patterson, President.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, November 19th, 1856.

Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the Chair.

Members present,

Messrs. Alexander,
Baird,
Baker, A. J.,
Baker, Abraham,
Barber,
Barton,
Bevan,
Boller,
Booth,
Borie,
Boyle,
Bradford,
Bremer,
Bromley,
Brown, Benjamin H.
Brown, M. C.
Brownholtz,
Butler,
Catherwood,
Crease,
Craven.
Deal, J. F.,
Deal, William,
Dutton,
Elliott,
Fitler,
Geiss,
Hagner,

Messrs. Hassinger,
Henry,
Holman,
Horrocks,
Hubbard,
Iseminger,
Kelly,
King,
Leech,
Lex,
Lindsay,
Mascher,
Miller,
Monaghan,
Murphy,
McCleary,
McMakin,
McManus,
Northrop,
O'Neill,
Owen,
Parker,
Porter,
Recktenwald,
Reed,
Ridgway,
Robb,
Roberts, C. B.,

Messrs. Roberts, Spencer,	Messrs. Vanhorn,
Schofield,	Vogdes,
Slocum,	Welsh,
Sorver,	Winship,
Stevenson,	Wright,
Patterson, President.	

Council resumed the consideration of the amendments made by Select Council, to the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to fix the Lines on the Delaware River, between Pike street on the north, and the Point House Wharf on the south, beyond which no wharf nor Pier shall be constructed."

The several Amendments being read,

Mr. Baird

Moved that Common Council concur.

Agreed to.

Mr. Hagner,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

Reported as committed the Bill "To make an appropriation to the Guardians of the Poor, for the year 1856," with a Resolution that the same be referred to the Committee on Poor, and the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 6.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution :

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. C. B. Roberts,

On leave granted, offered the following :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that Frederick Neuntzell be authori-

zed to construct a Drain from his premises on the north-east corner of Third and Beaver streets, into the Cohocksink Creek, under the supervision of the Department of Highways; provided that the usual charge for such privilege be first paid.

Mr. C. B. Roberts

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. Spencer Roberts

Moved to refer the Resolution to the Committee on Highways.

Not agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Hagner,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

Submitted a report with a Resolution "To change certain items of appropriation made to the Department of Police." (Appendix No. 7.)

Mr. Barber

Moved that the Resolution be referred to the Committee on Police.

Agreed to.

Also,

Reported as committed the Ordinance from Select Council, "To make an appropriation to the Department of the City Controller," with a recommendation that the same be passed. (Appendix No. 8.)

Laid on the table.

Also,

Reported the Ordinance from Select Council, "To authorize the sale of certain Stocks owned by the City of

Philadelphia," with the following amendments. (Appendix No. 9.)

Amend Section 2 by inserting after the word "sales," in the third line, the word "shall," and after the word "effected," in the same line, the words "after the date of the approval of this Ordinance;" strike out at the end of the Section, the words "on terms equally favorable to the Company," and insert the words "for cash or prime negotiable paper, not having more than four months to run at the rate of seventy-five per centum of the par value thereof."

Amend Section 3 by adding thereto, as follows: "and the City Treasurer, by and with the advice and consent of the Committee on Finance, of each Council, is hereby authorized to exchange the said Mortgage Bonds of the North Pennsylvania Rail Road Company, for Certificates of City Loan, estimating the said Bonds at not less than seventy-five per cent. thereof, and the said City Loan at the par value thereof."

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Leech and McCleary,

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Barber, Barton, Bevan, Boller, Booth, Bradford, Bremer, Bromley, Brownholtz, Butler, Crease, Craven, William Deal, Ford, Geiss, Hagner, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Hubbard, Iseminger, Kelly, Lex, Lindsay, Monaghan, Murphy, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Owen, Parker, Porter, Recktenwald, Robb, C. B. Roberts, Spencer Roberts, Sorver, and Vanhorn.

NAYS—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Borie, Boyle, M. C. Brown, J. F. Deal, Dutton, Elliott, Fitler, Hassinger,

King, Leech, Mascher, Miller, McCleary, Ridgway, Stevenson, Vogdes, Welsh, Wright and Patterson, President.

Yeas 41. Nays 20.

Agreed to.

The Bill being read,

Mr. Miller

Moved that Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, for consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. Owen

Was called to the chair.

After some time the Committee rose, and the Chairman reported progress.

Mr. Hassinger,

Chairman of the Committee on Water Works,

Submitted the Report of the Chief Engineer of the Water Department, with accompanying statement of the quantity of Water Pipe laid, the cost of same, amount received, balance due, &c. (Appendix No. 10.)

Laid on the Table.

The President

Presented the following communication from the Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
November 19th, 1856.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN :—

The following Joint Resolutions have been approved and signed, viz :

On the 19th inst., "A Resolution to authorize the repaving of portions of Market street, and Filbert street, in the Ninth Ward."

On the 19th inst., "A Resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Markets, to have the Dock at Pine street cleaned."

On the 19th inst., "A Resolution authorizing the Department of Highways to grade Hagy's Mill Road, in the Twenty-first Ward."

On the 19th inst., "A Resolution authorizing the Department of Highways to repave certain streets therein named."

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Laid on the table.

Mr. O'Neill,

On leave granted:

Presented a petition from the Protection Hook and Ladder Company, asking for an increase of appropriation.

Referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Barber

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, November 20th, 1856.

Council met.

The President in the chair.

A quorum of members not being present.

Mr. Welsh

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, November 27th, 1856.

Council met.

The President in the Chair.

Members present,

Messrs. Alexander,
Baird,
Baker, Abraham,
Barber,
Barton,
Bevan,
Boller,
Booth,
Borie,
Boyle,
Bradford,
Bremer,
Bromley,
Brown, M. C.
Brownholtz,
Brouse,
Butler,
Catherwood,
Craven,
Davis,
Deal, J. F.,
Deal, William,
Dougherty,
Dutton,
Elliott,
Fidler,
Ford,
Geiss.

Messrs. Hagner,
Harper,
Hassinger,
Henry,
Holman,
Horrocks,
Hubbard,
Iseminger,
Kelly,
King,
Leech,
Lex,
Lindsay,
Martin,
Mascher,
Mecutchen,
Melloy,
Mickle,
Miller,
Monaghan,
Murphy,
McCleary,
McMakin,
McManus,
McNeal,
Northrop,
O'Neill,
Owen,

Messrs. Parker,	Messrs. Slocum,
Porter,	Sorver,
Recktenwald,	Stevenson,
Ridgway,	Vanhorn,
Robb,	Vogdes,
Roberts, C. B.,	Welsh,
Roberts, Spencer,	Winship,
Roberts, T. J.,	Wright,
Schofield,	Patterson, President.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to dispense with the reading of the Journal.

Agreed to.

Mr. Lindsay,

Presented a petition from owners of property on the east and west sides of Sixteenth, from Shippen to Fitzwater streets, in the First Ward, asking that water pipe may be laid therein.

Mr. Lindsay,

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer of the Water Department be and he is hereby directed to have the water pipe laid in Sixteenth street, between Shippen and Fitzwater street, in the First Ward.

Mr. Lindsay

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

The Resolution was referred to to the Committee on Water Works.

Also,

One from Citizens of the First Ward, asking that a Gas Lamp may be placed at the corner of Seventeenth and Shippen streets.

Mr. Dutton,

One of like import from owners of property on Twenty-first street, between Spruce and Pine, asking that Gas Lamps may be placed at the corner of Granville and Twenty-first streets, and corner of Walter and Twenty-first streets.

Mr. Stevenson,

One from Citizens of the Eleventh Ward, asking that a Gas Lamp may be placed at the corner of Front and Noble streets.

Mr. Holman,

One from owners of property, asking that a Gas Lamp may be placed at the South-east corner of Corinthian Avenue and Cambridge street, in the Twentieth Ward.

Mr. Brownholtz,

One of like import from property owners in Kender-ton, Twenty-first Ward.

Mr. Vogdes,

One from Citizens of West Philadelphia, asking that additional Gas Lamps may be placed on Pine, west of Till street, Twenty-fourth Ward.

Mr. Owen,

One of like import from owners of property on Queen street, between Germantown Avenue and Wayne street, in the Twenty-second Ward.

Mr. O'Neill,

A Bill from A. H. Shoemaker, for services as Police Magistrate of Sixteenth Ward.

Also,

One from James Tagert, for services as Police Magistrate of Nineteenth Ward.

Which were referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Alexander

Presented petitions from owners of property on Lancaster street, from Reed to Greenwich streets, between Front and Second streets; on Fourth street, between Morris and Mifflin streets; Church street, between Benton's Lumber Yard and Mifflin street, and Jefferson Avenue, between Wharton and Reed streets, asking that the same may be paved.

Mr. Dutton,

One from John T. Holloway, asking that Fourth street and Jefferson Avenue, from Moore to Mifflin streets, may be graded.

Mr. Miller,

One from Citizens of the Thirteenth Ward, asking that Flag Stones may be placed across Seventh street, between Willow and Noble streets.

Also,

One from William T. Risler, asking for an appropriation to pay damages awarded for the opening of Franklin street, from Front to Seventh streets, in the First Ward.

Also,

One from William Rheiner, asking for damages for the opening of Tioga street.

Also,

One from William S. Bunting, for an appropriation to pay damages awarded for the opening of Franklin street, from Front to Seventh streets, in the First Ward.

Mr. Owen,

One from Citizens of Philadelphia, asking that Sixth street may be opened from Ellwood Lane to Nicetown Lane.

Mr. Leech,

A communication from Louis Smith and Michael McCloskey, asking that the Chief Commissioner of Highways

may be instructed to draw warrants for their estimates of work done on Girard Avenue.

Mr. Monaghan, :

One from owners of property on Somerset street, between Frankford Road and Richmond street, in the Nineteenth Ward, asking that the same may be curbed and paved.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Alexander,

One from holders of stalls in the Washington Market, asking for the privilege of paying their rent semi-annually.

Referred to the Committee on Markets.

Mr. Alexander,

On leave granted, offered the following :

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Markets be authorized to have a Shed erected at the end of the Washington Market, Third and Shippen streets.

Mr. Alexander

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Iseminger,

On leave granted, offered the following :

Whereas, At the late Municipal Election held in this City, it appears that there were upwards of 500 votes polled in the Fourth Division of the First Ward ; furthermore, that there were upwards of 50 votes disfranchised, owing to the large number of votes in this Election Division, therefore,

Resolved, That a Special Committee be appointed, to consist of the Members of Council from the First Ward, for the purpose of dividing the Fourth Division of said

Ward, in conformity with the Third Section of the Act of the Legislature, passed 2d day of February, 1854.

Mr. Iseminger

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to amend, by adding after the words "First Ward," where they occur, the words "Tenth Ward."

Not agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Miller

Presented a petition from owners of property on Morris street, from Jefferson Avenue to Fourth street, and Franklin street, from Jefferson Avenue to Fourth street, asking that water pipe may be laid therein.

Mr. Vanhorn,

One of like import, from owners of property on North street, between Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets, in the Fifteenth Ward.

Which were referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Winship,

A communication from S. P. Fearon, Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, asking that the Fire Pumps and Wells in Frankford, may be repaired and placed in proper order for service.

Also,

One from the same, asking that Fire Bells may be placed in the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Districts.

Which were referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Henry

Presented a memorial from the Managers of the House of Refuge, asking for an appropriation for the year 1857.

Mr. Owen

A petition from James G. Gibson, Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas, asking payment for work done in office, under the Act of Assembly, "To provide for the preservation of the records of the Courts."

Which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. O'Neill,

A communication from William H. Kern, asking to be allowed to retain possession of the premises he leases from the City, for the ensuing winter season.

Referred to the Committee on City Property.

Mr. Leech

Presented a Bill from Moses Hopkins, for services rendered the Board of Revision.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

The President

Presented a communication from the Commissioner of City Property, asking for an additional appropriation for expenses of removing persons interred in the City Burial Ground to the Alms House ground. (Appendix No. 11.)

Also,

A statement from the City Treasurer of City Loans, purchased from July 10th, 1856, to date. (Appendix No. 12.)

Also,

From the same, an application for the privilege of appointing two Temporary Clerks for the term of three months.

Also,

From the City Controller, an estimate of the expenses of the several Departments, for the ensuing year. (Appendix No. 13.)

Also,

A communication from the City Controller, submitting an estimate of the appropriation required for that Department, for the ensuing year.

Which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

The following :

Philadelphia, November 27th, 1856.

COL. W. C. PATTERSON,

President of Common Council.

Dear Sir :

I hereby resign the seat which I hold as a Member of the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia, for the Eighth Ward, to take effect from this day.

Very Respectfully,

Your Friend and Fellow Citizen,

JOHN K. FINDLAY.

Laid on the table.

Also,

A communication from the Guardians of the Poor, submitting an estimate of the required sum for the support of the Department, for the year 1857, with a Resolution appointing Messrs. Kauffman, Server, Riddle, Henzey and Brown, a Committee to confer with Councils on the subject.

Referred to the Committee on Poor.

Also,

A communication from A. Conrad, Agent of Jonathan Mather, submitting a bill for ground rent due by the City.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Also,

An estimate from Clerks of Councils of the amount of appropriation required by their Department, for 1857.

Referred to the Committee on Printing and Stationery.

Also,

A communication from the City Controller, submitting a statement of the condition of the appropriation made for the support of the Civil and Criminal Courts, as contained in an Ordinance making an appropriation to the Department of City Commissioners, approved March 11th, 1856.

Referred to the Committee on Law.

Also,

A communication from the Chief Commissioner on Highways, submitting an estimate of the amount of appropriation required for the Department, for the year 1857.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

A communication from the Chief Engineer of the Water Department, submitting an estimate of appropriation required for the Department, for the ensuing year.

Referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Also,

A communication from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, submitting an estimate of the appropriation required for the Department, for the ensuing year.

Referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Also,

A communication from the Trustees of the City Ice Boat, submitting an estimate of the appropriation required for the Department, for the ensuing year.

Referred to the Committee on Port Wardens, &c.

Also,

A communication from the Commissioner of Market Houses, submitting an estimate of the appropriation for the Department, for the ensuing year.

Referred to the Committees on Markets and Port Wardens, &c.

Also,

A communication from the Controllers of Public Schools, submitting an estimate of the appropriation required for the Department, for the ensuing year.

Referred to the Committee on Schools.

Also,

The following from the Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
Executive and Police Departments,
November 1st, 1856.

SIR :

In obedience to the requirements of the 23d Section of the Act of Assembly, approved May 13, 1856, entitled a further Supplement to the Act Consolidating the City of Philadelphia,

I respectfully report that the sum of four hundred and six thousand and sixty dollars (\$406,060,) will be required by this Department, for the ensuing year.

This estimate is made after the most careful examination of the reductions, which I consider the public service will admit.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

TO STEPHEN TAYLOR, ESQ.,
City Controller.

Referred to the Committee on Police.

Also,

A communication from the City Commissioners submitting an estimate of the appropriation required for the Department, for the ensuing year.

Referred to the Committee on Law.

Also,

A communication from the Inspectors of the County Prison, submitting an estimate of appropriation required by the Department, for the ensuing year.

Referred to the Committee on Prisons.

Mr. Hagner

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the Ordinance "To authorize the sale of certain Stocks, owned by the City of Philadelphia."

Mr. McCleary

Called for the order of the day.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to suspend the order of the day, for the purpose of proceeding to the Bill "To authorize the sale of certain Stocks owned by the City of Philadelphia."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Winship and Fitler,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, A. J. Baker, Barber, Barton, Bevan, Boller, Booth, Bradford, Bremer, Bromley, Brownholtz, Butler, Catherwood, Crease, Wm. Deal, Dougherty, Ford, Geiss, Hagner, Harper, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Hubbard, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, Lindsay, Marsh, Martin, Mecutchen, Melloy, Monaghan, Murphy, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Owen, Parker, Porter, Recktenwald, Reed, Robb, Spencer Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Sorver and Vanhorn.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Abraham Baker, Boric, Boyle, Benj. H. Brown, Brouse, Davis, J. F. Deal, Dutton, Elliott, Fitler, Hassinger, King, Leech, Lex, Mascher, Mickle, Miller, McCleary, McMakin, Northrop, Ridgway, C. B. Roberts, Schofield, Slocum, Stevenson, Vogdes, Welsh, Winship, Sright and Patterson, President.

Yeas 47. Nays 31.

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Wright,

On leave granted, offered the following :

Resolved, That the Department of Highways be directed to notify property owners on Sixth street, from Poplar to Montgomery streets, and also, on Seventh street, from Girard Avenue to Columbia Avenue, to fill up the sidewalks to line of their Houses, and pave, according to law.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Leech

Offered the following:

Resolved, that the Messenger be directed to collect from the desks of the members of Council, the communication signed by Oliver Evans, President of the Board of Guardians of Poor, and return them to the Board, and that the Committee on Poor be instructed to inquire whether the communication was printed at the expense of the City or the individual members, or of the Board of Guardians.

Mr. Leech

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the Resolution.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Schofield and Parker,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Bevan, Boller, Booth, Borie, Boyle, Bradford, Bremer, Bromley, Benjamin H. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Catherwood, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dutton, Elliott, Fitler, Ford, Isenminger, King, Leech, Lex, Lindsay, Marsh, Martin, Mascher, Mecutchen, McCleary, McMakin, T. J. Roberts, Slocum, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Winship and Wright. 1 :

NAYS—Messrs. O'Neill, Parker, Spencer Roberts, Schofield and Patterson, President. .

Yeas 37. Nays 5.

It was agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Offered the following Resolution to transfer certain Item of appropriation made to the Inspectors of the County Prison, for the use of the Debtor's Department thereof, approved September 23d, 1856.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the sum of one hundred dollars appropriated by Item 2, for fuel, as contained in the Ordinance, entitled an Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Inspectors of the County Prison, for the use of the Debtor's Department thereof, approved September 23d, 1856, be and the same is hereby transferred to Item 3, for supplies for the subsistence of the prisoners, at such rate as may be determined upon by the Inspectors aforesaid.

Referred to the Committee on Prisons.

The officers and members of Select Council were introduced.

And being assembled in Convention,

The President

Announced the object thereof, to wit :

To elect three Directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad, three Directors of the Sunbury and Erie Railroad, three

Directors of the North Western Railroad, and two members of the Board of Health, in place of Dr. T. F. Betton and ——— Thomas, resigned.

The Clerks acting as Tellers reported tht 79 votes had been cast for Directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, of which

Select Council,

Messrs. Ashton, Beideman, Cuyler, Gamble, Hagner, Higgins, Kline, Maison, Marselis, M'Cay, Mott, Taylor, Williams and Wharton, Pres't.

14, voted for John Robbins, Jr., John G. Brenner, and Samuel Megarge.

Common Council,

Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barton, Borie, Boyle, Bradford, Bremer, Bromley, Brownholtz, Brouse, Butler, Catherwood, Crease, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dutton, Fitler, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, Leech, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McNeal, Northrop, O'Neal, Owen, Porter, Robb, C. B. Roberts, Schofield, Slocum, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Welsh, Winship, Wright and Patterson, Pres't.

52, voted for John Robbins, Jr., John G. Brenner, and Samuel Megarge.

In all, 66 votes.

Select Council,

Mr. Cornman,

1, voted for George Howell and John H. Bringhurst.

Common Council,

Messrs. Booth and Parker,

2, voted for George Howell and John H. Bringhurst.

In all, 3 votes.

Select Council,

Mr. Hilles,

1, voted for John G. Brenner, George Howell, and John H. Bringhurst.

Select Council,

Mr. M'Whorter,

1, voted for George Howell, John H. Bringhurst, and Samuel V. Merrick.

Select Council,

Mr. Roberts,

1, voted for John Robbins, Jr., John G. Brenner, and George Howell.

Select Council,

Mr. Verree,

1, voted for John Robbins Jr., Samuel Megarge, and John H. Bringhurst,

Common Council,

Messrs. Barber and S. Roberts,

2, voted for Samuel Megarge, George Howell, and John H. Bringhurst.

Common Council,

Messrs. Boller and Ford,

2, voted for George Howell.

Common Council,

Mr. Hubbard,

1, voted for John G. Brenner, Samuel Megarge and George Howell.

Common Council,

Mr. Reed,

1, voted for John G. Brenner, John H. Bringhurst, and Morris Patterson.

John Robbins, Jr., John G. Brenner, and Samuel Me-garge having received a majority of the votes cast, were declared duly elected Directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

The Clerks, acting as Tellers, reported that 73 votes had been cast for Directors of the North Western Railroad Company. of which

Select Council,

Messrs. Ashton, Beideman, Cuyler, Gamble, Hagner, Higgins, Kline, Maison, Marselis, M'Cay, Mott, Taylor, Williams, and Wharton Pres't.

14, voted for James S. Watson, Oliver Evans, and Albert R. Fœring.

Common Council,

Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Barton, Borie, Bradford, Bremer, Bromley, Brownholtz, Brouse, J. F. Deal, Willam Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Fitler, Hassinger, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, Leech, Lindsay, Martin, Mecutchen, Melloy, Monaghan, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Niell, Owen, Porter, Robb, C. B. Roberts, Schofield, Slocum, Sorver, Stevenson, Vogdes, Welsh, Winship and Patterson, President.

44, voted for James S. Watson, Oliver Evans, and Albert R. Fœring.

In all, 58 votes.

Select Council,

Messrs. Cornman and M'Whorter,

2, voted for William F. Smith, John Mc Canles, and Christian J. Hoffman.

Common Council,

Messrs. Barber, Booth, Marsh, Parker, and S. Roberts,
5, voted for William F. Smith, John McCanles and
Christian J. Hoffman,

In all, 7 votes.

Select Council,

Mr. Hilles,

1, voted for James S. Watson, John McCanles, and
Christian J. Hoffman.

Select Council

Messrs. Roberts and Verree,

2, voted for James S. Watson, William F. Smith and
John McCanles.

Common Council,

Messrs. Butler and Mascher,

2, voted for James S. Watson, Albert R. Fœring, and
Daniel M. Fox.

Common Council,

Mr. Hagner,

1, voted for James S. Watson, and Albert R. Fœring.

Common Council,

Mr. Hubbard,

1, voted for James S. Watson and William F. Smith.

Common Council,

Mr. Ridgway,

1, voted for Albert R. Fœring, William F. Smith and
John McCanles.

James S. Watson, Oliver Evans and Albert R. Fœring
having received a majority of the votes cast, were declared

duly elected Directors of the North Western Railroad Company.

The Clerks acting as Tellers, reported that 68 votes had been cast for Directors of the Sunbury and Erie Railroad Company, of which

Select Council,

Messrs. Ashton, Beideman, Cuyler, Gamble, Hagner, Kline, Maison, Marselis, M'Cay, Mott, Taylor, Williams, and Wharton, President.

13, voted for James D. Whetham, Harry Connelly, and Thomas L. Kane.

Common Council,

Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Barton, Borie, Bradford, Bremer, Bromley, Brownholtz, Butler, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Fitler, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Kelly, Leech, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Monaghan, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Porter, Robb, C. B. Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Slocum, Sorver, Stevenson, Vogdes, Welsh, Winship, Wright, and Patterson President.

45, voted for James D. Whetham, Harry Connelly, and Thomas L. Kane,

In all, 58 votes.

Select Council,

Messrs. Cornman and M'Whorter,

2, voted for Harry Connelly, Robert L. Martin, and Thomas J. Jeffries.

Select Council,

Mr. Verree,

1, voted for James D. Whetham, Robert L. Martin, and Thomas J. Jeffries.

Common Council,
Messrs. Barber and Parker,
2, voted for Thomas J. Jeffries.

Common Council,
Mr. Brouse,
1, voted for James D. Whetham and Thomas L. Kane.

Common Council,
Mr. Henry,
1, voted for Thomas L. Kane.

Common Council,
Mr. Hubbard,
1, voted for James D. Whetham, Harry Connelly, and
Thomas J. Jeffries.

Common Council,
Mr. Marsh,
1, voted for James D. Whetham and Thomas J. Jeffries.

Common Council,
Mr. S. Roberts,
1, voted for Thomas L. Kane, Robert L. Martin, and
Thomas J. Jeffries.

James D. Whetham, Harry Connelly and Thomas L. Kane, having received a majority of the votes cast, were declared duly elected Directors of the Sunbury and Erie Railroad Company.

The Clerks acting as tellers, reported that 61 votes had been cast for members of the Board of Health, for the Twenty-first and Twenty-second Wards, of which

Select Council,
Messrs. Beideman, Cuyler, Gamble, Hagner, Kline,

Marselis, M'Cay, Mott, Taylor, Verree, Williams, and Wharton, President,

12, voted for William McGlinchy and Charles R. Bockius.

Common Council,

Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Borie, Bradford, Bremer, Bromley, Brownholtz, Brouse, Butler, Crease, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Fitler, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Kelly, Lecch, Mascher, Mccutchen, Monaghan, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, Northrop, O'Neill, Owen, Porter, Robb, S. Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Schofield, Slocum, Sorver, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Welsh, Winship, Wright, and Patterson, President.

45, voted for William McGlinchy and George R. Bockius.

In all, 57 votes.

Select Council,

Mr. Cornman,

1, voted for Charles Thompson Jones, and William Maguire.

Common Council,

Mr. Barber,

1, voted for Charles Thompson Jones, and William Maguire,

In all, 2 votes.

Common Council,

Mr. Henry,

1, voted for Charles R. Bockius.

Common Council,

Mr. Hubbard,

1, voted for William McGlinchy.

William McGlinchy having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared duly elected a member of the Board of Health, for the Twenty-first Ward, and Charles R. Bockius having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared duly elected a member of the Board of Health for the Twenty-second Ward.

The convention adjourned.

Select Council retired.

Mr. Winship

Moved to adjourn.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker and Barber,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Elliott, King, Marsh, Mascher, Parker, Welsh and Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barber, Boller, Borie, Boyle, Bradford, Bremer, Benjamin H. Brown, Brouse, Crease, J. F. Deal, Dutton, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Horrocks, Iseminger, Leech, Lex, Mecutchen, Melloy, Mickle, McManus, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Slocum, Vanhorn and Patterson, President.

Yeas 7. Nays 30.

It was not agreed to.

Select Council

Informed that they have passed a Resolution to authorize the City Controller to appoint an additional Clerk.

Also,

An Ordinance “To make an appropriation to pay certain claims against the City.”

Which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

A Resolution "To authorize the construction of a Drain across the property of Henry J. Williams, in the Fifteenth Ward."

Referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Also,

An Ordinance "To make an appropriation for the use of the Girard College for Orphans."

Also,

A Resolution "Relative to the transfer of a certain item of appropriation to the Girard Estates, for the year 1856."

Also,

An Ordinance Supplementary to an Ordinance, approved January 31, 1856, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation out of the income of the Girard Estates, for the purposes therein mentioned."

Which were laid on the table.

Also,

That they had concurred in the following, to wit:

The Bill entitled "An Ordinance relative to the repairs of Bay street Culvert, in the Fifth Ward."

The Bill entitled "An Ordinance to provide for setting the curb stone and paving the gutters and footways of Bridge street, in the late Borough of Bridesburg, in the Twenty-third Ward."

The Resolution "To authorize the paving of Poplar street, in the Fifteenth and Twentieth Wards and of Orange street, in the Third Ward."

The Bill entitled "An Ordinance to authorize a Loan, to pay claims against the Corporation."

The Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Market Houses."

The Resolution "To authorize Frederick Neuntzell to construct a Drain, from his premises, North-east corner of Third and Beaver streets, into Cohocksink Creek."

Mr. Winship

Moved to proceed to the consideration of Appendix No. 10, Common Council, the report of the Chief Engineer of the Water Department.

Agreed to.

Mr. Winship

Moved that the report be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Agreed to.

Mr. Hagner

Moved to proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 18, Common Council File, "To make an appropriation to pay the interest on endorsed Warrants."

Not agreed to.

The President

Presented the following communication from the Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
November 27th, 1856.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:

The following Ordinance and Joint Resolution have been approved and signed, viz:

On the 26th inst. An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Market Houses.

On the 26th inst. A Resolution authorizing Frederick Neuntzell, to construct a Drain from the north-east

corner of Third and Beaver streets, into the Cohocksink Creek.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, December 2d, 1856.

Council met pursuant to a call for a Special Meeting.

The President in the Chair.

Members present,

Messrs. Alexander,
Baird,
Baker, Abraham,
Barber,
Barton,
Bevan,
Boller,
Booth,
Borie,
Bradford,
Bremer,
Bromley,
Brownholtz,
Brouse,
Catherwood,
Craven,
Davis,
Deal, J. F.,
Deal, William,
Elliott,
Ford,
Geiss,
Hagner,
Harper,
Hassinger,
Henry,
Holman,
Horrocks,

Messrs. Hubbard,
Iseminger,
Jackson,
Kelly,
King,
Leech,
Lex,
Lindsay,
Martin,
Mascher,
Mecutchen,
Melloy,
Miller,
Murphy,
McCleary,
McManus,
Northrop,
O'Neill,
Owen,
Parker,
Porter,
Ridgway,
Robb,
Roberts, Spencer,
Roberts, T. J.,
Slocum,
Sorver,
Stevenson,

Mr. Hagner,

On leave granted, presented the following :

OFFICE OF THE NORTH PENNSYLVANIA RAIL ROAD CO.
Philadelphia, No. 123 Walnut Street.

December 2d, 1856.

C. V. HAGNER, Esq.,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance
of the Common Council.

Dear Sir :

On the 4th September last, I made known to Councils the critical position in which this Company had been placed by the accident of the 17th of July, and at the same time invoked for its relief, the prompt aid of the City in common with its other Stockholders.

Nearly three months have since elapsed, and now at the moment when an Ordinance for that purpose, which has been matured with great deliberation, and which contemplated a corresponding action by the other Stockholders, is on the eve of becoming a law, notice has been served, at the instance of several Citizens, that its legality will be tested by an appeal to the Courts.

As this notice can not be regarded as an idle threat, and its enforcement would cause a delay which would be fatal to the Company, the Board of Managers, under an imperative sense of duty, and with the unexpected aid of several public spirited gentlemen, have this day made arrangements for the sale of the remaining bonds held by the Company.

This will render unnecessary any further action by Councils, and you will do me a favor by announcing it to the Chamber this afternoon.

With an expression of regret that a measure so wise in itself has been rendered unavailable, and that another had to be resorted to less beneficial to the Company, and consequently to the City as its chief owner, I am nevertheless rejoiced to assure you that the untiring zeal of the Directors of the Company, notwithstanding the difficulties which have been so freely thrown in their path, has resulted in

the preservation of their trust from the imminent peril in which it was placed.

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant,

JOHN WELSH,
President.

Committee of the Whole resumed the consideration of Bill No. 43, Common Council File, entitled "An Ordinance to authorize the sale of certain Stocks, owned by the City of Philadelphia."

Mr. Owen in the Chair.

After some time the Committee rose.

The President resumed the chair,

And the Chairman reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Not agreed to.

The First Section of the Bill being under consideration,

Mr. Booth

Moved that the further consideration of the Bill be indefinitely postponed.

Agreed to.

Mr. Leech

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, December 4th, 1856.

Council met.

The President in the Chair.

Members present,

Messrs. Alexander,

Baird,

Baker, A. J.,

Baker, Abraham,

Barber,

Barton,

Bevan,

Boller,

Booth, J. S.

Borie,

Boyle,

Bradford,

Bremer,

Bromley,

Brown, M. C.

Brownholtz,

Brouse,

Butler,

Catherwood,

Crease,

Craven,

Deal, J. F.,

Deal, William,

Dutton,

Elliott,

Fitler,

Ford,

Hagner,

Messrs. Hassinger,

Henry,

Holman,

Horrocks,

Iseminger,

Jackson,

Kelly,

King,

Leech,

Lex,

Lindsay,

Mascher,

Melloy,

Miller,

Monaghan,

McCleary,

McMakin,

McManus, J.

Northrop,

O'Neill,

Owen,

Parker,

Porter,

Recktenwald,

Ridgway,

Robb,

Roberts, Spencer,

Roberts, T. J.,

Messrs. Slocum,
Sorver,
Stevenson,
Vanhorn,

Messrs. Vogdes,
Winship,
Wright,
Patterson, President.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to dispense with the reading of the Journal.

Agreed to.

Mr. Alexander

Presented a petition from owners of property on Jefferson Avenue, between Greenwich and Mifflin streets, asking that the same may be paved.

Mr. McCleary,

One of like import from residents on Wood street, between Gaul and Morris streets.

Mr. Owen,

One from owners of property of Twenty-second Ward, asking that Green street, may be opened from Washington Lane to Franklin street.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr Baird,

A communication from Wm. H. Gatzmer, Secretary of the Camden and Philadelphia Steamboat Ferry, complaining of the condition of the Walnut street Ferry Slip.

Mr. Baird

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the consideration of the Resolution, Appendix No. 51, "Authorizing the Superintendent of Public Wharves and Landings to have the Dock at the Foot of Walnut street Wharf, cleansed."

Not agreed to.

The Communication was referred to the Committee on Port Wardens, Wharves and Public Landings.

Mr. Winship,

A communication from the Board of Directors of the Fire Department, asking Councils to approve of an Amendment of the By-Laws, changing the number necessary to constitute a quorum.

Referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Ridgway,

A petition from Citizens of Nicetown, Twenty-first Ward, asking that Gas Lamps may be placed on Germantown Road, between Broad street and the Germantown Line.

Mr. Bromley,

One of like import from Citizens of the Twenty-first Ward, for Gas Lamps in the Third and Fourth Precincts.

Mr. Brownholtz,

One of like import from Citizens of the Twenty-first Ward, for Gas Lamps on Rising Sun Lane, between Germantown Pike and Broad Street, and at the corners of Rising Sun Lane, and Broad and Ontario streets.

Mr. Catherwood,

One from Citizens of the Sixth Ward, asking for a Gas Lamp at the corner of Front and Ferris streets.

Mr. Porter,

One from Citizens for a Gas Lamp on South Eleventh between Ferris and Prime streets.

Which were referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Craven,

One from owners of property in the Nineteenth Ward, asking that Water Pipes may be laid on Aramingo street, between Frankford Road and Sepviva streets.

Referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Also,

A bill from William Satterthwaite, for Auditing Books of Receiver of Taxes, for 1854.

Mr. Vanhorn,

A Warrant in favor of Henry Troemner, for \$ 110, for Carpenter Work, done to Court Houses, in 1855.

Which were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Hagner,

A petition from J. Whiteman, asking to be released from the effects of a Judgment as Surety on a certain portion of his Estate.

Mr. Monaghan,

One from James Martin, asking that a certain portion of his property may be released from his Bond as Surety for Eugene Ahern, Commissioner of City Property.

Mr. Miller,

A communication from John Kerr, offering to make Ballot Boxes for thirty-five dollars per hundred.

Which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. McCleary,

A petition from Thomas Craven, asking that a deduction may be made of interests and costs on Bills for Taxes, for property owned by him, in the Nineteenth Ward, and assessed to Dr. Noble.

Referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Northrop,

One from owners of property in the vicinity of Market street and Letitia Court, asking a culvert may be constructed at the north end of said Court, to connect with the Market street Culvert.

Referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Mr. O'Neill,

On leave granted, offered the following :

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed, to inquire whether the Railroad Bridge over the Wissahickon Creek is not in such a condition as to render it exceedingly dangerous to the Citizens and Travellers, and whether the Germantown and Norristown Railroad Company cannot be restrained from using said Bridge in its present condition, for carrying passengers over said Creek.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to suspend with the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same,

Agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Moved to refer the Resolution to the Committee on Markets.

Mr. Parker

Moved to amend by striking out "Markets," and insert "Law."

Mr. Lex

Moved to lay the Resolution on the Table.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. O'Neill and Barton,

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Abraham Baker, Barber, Barton, Bevan, Boller, Borie, Bremer, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Butler, Craven, Dutton, Elliot, Fitler, Hassinger, Henry, Horrocks, Iseminger, Kelly, King, Lex, Leech, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Melloy, Miller, McCleary, McNeal, Northrop, Owen, Porter, Robb, Spencer Roberts, Sorver, Vanhorn and Vogdes.

NAYS—Messrs. A. J. Baker, Booth, Bromley, Catherwood, Davis, Wm. Deal, Ford, Hagner, Jackson, Monaghan, McMakin, O'Neill, Parker, Recktenwald, Ridgway, Stevenson, Wright and Patterson, President.

Yeas 39. Nays 18.

It was agreed to.

The President

Presented a communication from the Board of Health, informing Councils that they had passed a Resolution requesting the transfer of items; \$ 250 of the unexpended balance due on the item of Outer Channel Visits, to the item of Office Expenses.

Also,

From the same, a communication submitting an estimate of the appropriation required for that Department, for the ensuing year.

Which were referred to the Committee on Health.

Also,

A petition from Citizens of the Twenty-fourth Ward, asking that Market street, between Till street and the First Toll-Gate, on the West Chester Plank Road, may be graded.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

A communication from the City Solicitor, submitting an estimate of the appropriation required by that Department, for the ensuing year.

Referred to the Committee on Law.

Also,

A communication from the Commissioner on City Property, submitting an estimate of the appropriation required by that Department, for the ensuing year.

Referred to the Committee on City Property.

Also,

A communication from the City Treasurer, submitting an estimate of the appropriation required by that Department, for the ensuing year.

Also,

A communication from the Receiver of Taxes, submitting an estimate of the appropriation required by that Department, for the ensuing year.

Which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

A communication from the Chief Engineer and Surveyor, submitting an estimate of the appropriation required by that Department, for the ensuing year.

Referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Also,

One from the Superintendent of Gas Works, submitting an estimate of the appropriation required by that Department, for the ensuing year.

Referred to the Committee on Police.

Also,

The following communication from the Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
December 4th, 1856.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—

The following Ordinances and Joint Resolutions have been approved and signed, viz:

On the 3d inst., "An Ordinance to provide for setting the Curb Stone and paving the gutters and footways of Bridge street, in the late Borough of Bridesburg, in the Twenty-third Ward.

On the 3d inst., "An Ordinance to authorize a loan to pay claims against the Corporation."

On the 3d inst., "An Ordinance relative to the repair of Bay street Culvert, in the Fifth Ward."

On the 3d inst., "A Resolution to authorize the paving of Poplar street, in the Fifteenth and Twentieth Wards, and and of Orange street, in the Third Ward."

On the 4th inst., "An Ordinance to fix the lines on the Delaware River, between Frankford Creek on the North, and the Point House Wharf on the South, beyond which no Wharf nor Pier shall be constructed.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Hagner,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance, }

Reported as committed the Bill from Select Council, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay certain Claims against the City. (Appendix No. 14.)

Laid on the table.

Also,

Reported as committed, the Resolution from Select Council, approving of the Sureties of Patrick McDonough, Supervisor of the Third District. (Appendix No. 15.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Reported as committed the Bill No. 10, Common Council File, "To make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges and Sewers and Cleansing the City, to pay certain Road Damages, partly in certificates of City Debt and partly in money." (Appendix No. 16.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First, Second and Third Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Also,

Submitted a report adverse to the payment of the Claim of Thomas Hawksworth, for Printing, with a Resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 17.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Reported a Resolution to direct the City Controller to transfer a certain Item of Appropriation to the Department of the City Treasurer. (Appendix No. 18.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Miller,

Chairman of the Committee on Highways,

Submitted a report with a Resolution, authorizing the paving of Thompson street, in the Twentieth Ward; Noble,

Green and Coates streets, in the Eleventh Ward, and Morris and Cuba streets, in the First Ward. (Appendix No. 19.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A report adverse to the opening of Fifth street, from Chatham street, southward, into the Germantown Road, with a Resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 20.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A report adverse to the opening of Diamond street, in the Twentieth and Twenty-first Wards, and Broad street, in the Twenty-third Ward, with a Resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 21.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Reported as committed the Resolution from Select Council, transferring \$6,000 of appropriation to Depart-

ment of Highways, from Item No. 3, for grading streets, to Items Nos. 4 and 9, for repairing Roads and cleansing and repairing unpaved streets, with a recommendation that it be adopted. (Appendix No. 22.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A Resolution authorizing Lane Schofield to surrender his Contract for cleansing the Fourth District. (Appendix No. 23.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. Boyle

Moved to amend by adding, "provided said Schofield shall first put the streets in a proper condition."

Not agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Reported Resolutions authorizing the grading of Franklin Avenue and Norris street, at their intersection with Gunner's Run. (Appendix No. 24.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A Resolution to authorize the repair of the Bridge on Crease's Lane, on the upper part of the Twenty-first Ward. (Appendix No. 25.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Reported as committed the Bill from Select Council, entitled, "An Ordinance relating to Building Permits, Hackney Coaches, Omnibusses, Wagons, Carts, &c.," with a negative recommendation. (Appendix No. 26.)

Also,

Reported back the Resolution from Select Council, to complete the grading of Chelton Avenue, from Wayne Avenue to Wissahickon street, with a recommendation that Common Council should non-concur in the same. (Appendix No. 27.)

Also,

Reported adverse to changing the width of the footways on Sharpnack street, in the Twenty-second Ward. (Appendix No. 28.)

Also,

Reported adverse to the Ordinance from Select Council, making an appropriation of \$1,800, to pay for the construction of the Huntingdon street Culvert. (Appendix No. 29.)

Which were laid on the table.

Also,

Reported adverse to the opening and grading of Chew street, from High street to Washington Avenue, with a Resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 30.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Butler,

Chairman of the Committee on Gas Works,

Submitted a report with an Ordinance, "To provide for the erection of additional Gas Lamps. (Appendix No. 31.)

Mr. Butler

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and only Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the order of the day, and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 18, Common Council File, "To make an appropriation to pay the interest on endorsed Warrants."

Agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration,

Mr. Hagner

Moved to amend, by striking out the word "twenty," in the second line, and insert "forty."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Leech and Vogdes,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barber, Barton, Bevan, Boller, Booth, Boyle, Bradford, Bremer, Bromley, Brownholtz, Brouse, Catherwood, Craven, William Deal, Dutton, Fitler, Ford, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, King, Lex, Lindsay, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, McCleary, McManus, McNeal, Owen, Porter, Robb, Slocum, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Winship, Wright and Patterson, Pres't.

NAYS—Messrs. Elliott, Leech, T. J. Roberts, Sorver and Stevenson.

Yeas 47. Nays 5.

It was agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Moved to further amend, by adding thereto, "Provided no interest shall be paid until the City Controller has calculated the amount thereof, and certified that the same is *bona fide*, due and payable to the party making the claim therefor."

Mr. Northrop

Moved to recommit the Ordinance to the Committee on Finance, and that they be instructed to inform Council what Warrants are outstanding upon which interest is due, and what amount of Warrants entitled to have interest paid thereon, have been already paid without interest.

Agreed to.

Mr. Leech

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the Department of Surveyors be directed to change the position of Forty-Seventh, Forty-Eighth, and Forty-Ninth streets, between Berks Avenue and Dau-

phin street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, to the eastward, so as to conform with the confirmed Survey of West Philadelphia.

Referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Mr. Holman

Moved to suspend the order of the day to proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 27, Common Council File, "Directing the manner of procuring the Printing, Binding and Stationery for the City of Philadelphia."

Not agreed to.

Mr. McManus

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the Department of Surveys be directed to adjust the grades of York, Cumberland, Huntingdon, Somerset and Clearfield streets, as well as Lehigh and Alleghany Avenues, to conform with the elevation of the Bridges erected at the intersection of said streets and Avenues, with Gunner's Run Canal.

Referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Mr. Bremer,

Chairman of the Committee on Police,

Reported as committed the Ordinance from Select Council, "To authorize the Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, to surrender possession of certain Station Houses, to compromise for the rent thereof, and to make an appropriation therefor," with a recommendation that it be passed. (Appendix No. 32.)

Mr. Bremer

Moved to proceed to the third reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Bill was read a third time and passed.

Also,

A report adverse to the erection of a frame Church,

in the Twentieth Ward, with a Resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 33.)

Mr. Bremer

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Winship,

Chairman of the Committee on Trusts & Fire Department.

Submitted a report with a Resolution, admitting the Union Fire Company of Rising Sun into the Fire Department. (Appendix No. 34.)

Mr. Hassinger

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. Porter

Moved to add "Moyamensing Hose."

Not agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Select Council,

Informed that they have passed "An Ordinance Amending of the First Section of the 'Ordinance, to fix the lines on the Delaware River, between Frankford Creek on the north, and the Point House Wharf on the south, beyond which no Wharf nor Pier shall be constructed.'"

Mr. Northrop

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Baird,

Chairman of the Committee on Port Wardens, &c.,

Submitted a report adverse to making an appropriation for the purpose of removing a sunken canal boat at the foot of South street Wharf, on the Schuylkill River, with a Resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 35.)

Mr. Baird

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Reported "An Ordinance to make an appropriation for certain paving and grading, and to transfer a certain item of appropriation." (Appendix No. 36.)

Mr. Baird

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Also,

Reported certain alterations to the estimate by the Commissioner of Markets, of the requirements for Wharves and Landings, for the ensuing year. (Appendix No. 37.)

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Stevenson

Offered the following:

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the Highway Department be required to make inquiry in regard to and where the Hose and other apparatus which was in the possession of the late Supervisor of the Eleventh and Twelfth Wards, and the Officers of the same proceed forthwith to obtain possession of said hose and apparatus according to law, and the Highway Department is hereby authorized and required to have cleansed all Market Houses in the City of Philadelphia, whenever the same is required, and the supervisors of the separate Districts or Wards shall be required to perform said duty without additional expense to the City.

Resolved, That the Department of Highways be authorized and required to have Poplar street, from Delaware Avenue to the end of said street running east to the River Delaware, paved and curbed according to law.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Baird,

Presented a communication from the Commissioner of Markets asking for an additional Clerk.

Referred to the Committees on Markets and Public Landings, &c.

Mr. Brouse,

Chairman of the Committee on Markets,

Reported back, with amendments, the estimate of the Commissioner of Markets, for the required appropriation for the ensuing year. (Appendix No. 38.)

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Henry

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the Resolution, from Select Council, "To transfer a certain item of appropriation to the Girard Estate, for the year 1856," and the Bill from the same, entitled "An Ordinance Supplementary to an Ordinance, approved January 31st, 1856, entitled 'An Ordinance to make an appropriation out of the income of the Girard Estates, for the purposes therein mentioned.'"

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

The First and Second Sections of the Ordinance were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Henry

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the Ordinance, from Select Council, "To make an appropriation for the use of the Girard College for Orphans."

Mr. Parker

Moved a call of the house.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to lay the call on the table.

Agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion of Mr. Henry, to suspend the order of the day.

It was agreed to.

The First and only Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Select Council

Informed that they have passed a Resolution to authorize the City Controller to transfer one hundred dollars, from Item "Improvements of Lemon Hill Park," to Item "Repairs to Wire Bridge."

Also,

A Resolution to authorize the City Treasurer to appoint two additional clerks, for a period of three months.

Also,

An Ordinance to make appropriation to pay certain claims against the City.

Which were referred to the Committee on Finance.]

Also,

A Resolution authorizing the Chief Commissioner of Highways to notify owners of property through which Chatham street, from Front to Sixth, passes, that at the expiration of three months from said notice, Councils will order the said street to be opened for public use as authorized by act of Assembly, &c.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, December 11th, 1856.

Council met.

The President in the Chair.

Members present,

Messrs. Alexander,
Baird,
Baker, A. J.,
Baker, Abraham,
Barber,
Barton,
Bevan,
Boller,
Booth,
Borie,
Boyle,
Bremer,
Brown, Benjamin H.
Brown, M. C.
Brownholtz,
Brouse,
Catherwood,
Craven,
Deal, J. F.,
Deal, William,
Dougherty,
Dutton,
Elliott,
Fitler,
Hagner,
Hassinger,
Henry,
Holman,
Horrocks,

Messrs. Hubbard,
Iseminger,
Jackson,
Kelly,
King,
Lex,
Lindsay,
Mascher,
Melloy,
Mickle,
Miller,
Monaghan,
Murphy,
McMakin,
McManus,
McNeal,
Northrop,
O'Neill,
Owen,
Parker,
Porter,
Robb,
Schofield,
Sorver,
Stevenson,
Vanhorn,
Welsh,
Winship,
Wright,

Patterson, President.

Mr. Catherwood

Moved to dispense with the reading of the Journal.

Agreed to.

Mr. Alexander

Presented a petition from owners of property on Watkins street, between Fourth and Sixth streets, and on Pearce street, between Fourth and Sixth streets, in the First Ward, asking that the same may be curbed and paved.

Mr. Iseninger,

One of like import from owners of property on North street, from Norris to Buck Road.

Mr. Miller,

A remonstrance from owners of property on Church street, between Benton's Lumber Yard and Mifflin street, in the First Ward.

Also,

One from owners of property on Jefferson Avenue, between Greenwich and Mifflin streets, in the First Ward, asking that the same may be curbed and paved.

Mr. McNeal,

One of like import from owners of property on Summer street, between Twenty-second and Twenty-third streets, and Race and Vine streets.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Kelly,

A communication from Charles C. Wilson, late Commissioner of Markets, asking for an appropriation to pay for Temporary Clerk hire and other incidental expenses incurred by him while in office.

Referred to the Committee on Market Houses.

Mr. Welsh,

A Bill from Joseph Ralston for Indexing Assessor's Books of Eighth Ward, for 1856.

Mr. McNeal,

A Bill from Henry Harding, for services as Policeman in November, 1854.

Mr. O'Neill.

A Bill from Bernard Sharkey, Deputy Clerk of Quarter Sessions Court, for copying Criminal Docket.

Mr. Henry,

A petition from Thomas H. Speakman, Esq., Attorney for the Commissioners of Delaware County, asking for the payment of costs in Suit of Robeson and others, versus The Schuylkill Navigation Company, the trial of which cause was removed from Philadelphia County, under Act of Assembly of April 14th, 1834.

Mr. Owens,

A Bill from Edward R. Williams, for services as Police Magistrate of Twenty-second Ward.

Which were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Miller,

A petition from owners of property on Jefferson Avenue, between Greenwich and Mifflin streets, asking that water pipes may be laid therein.

Mr. Vanhorn,

One of like import from owners of property on Centre street, between Twenty-second and Twenty-third streets, in the Fifteenth Ward.

Also,

One of like import from owners of property on Washington street, between Twenty-second and Twenty-third streets, in the Fifteenth Ward.

Mr. Horrocks,

A Bill from John Briggs & Co., for water pipe for the Twenty-Third Ward.

Which were referred to the Committee on Water Works,

Mr. M. C. Brown,

A petition from owners of property in the Third Ward. asking that a Gas Lamp may be placed on Evans street, between Fitzwater and Catharine, and Broad and Thirteenth streets.

Mr. Hubbard,

One of like import from owners of property in the Twenty-first Ward, at the intersection of Twenty-second and Tioga streets.

Mr. Vanhorn,

One of like import from residents of the Fifteenth Ward, in the vicinity of Brown and Twentieth streets.

Mr. Jackson,

One of like import from owners of property in Twentieth Ward, on Seventh street, between Girard Avenue and Poplar street.

Mr. Bremer,

One from owners of property in the Sixteenth Ward, asking for the removal of a Gas Lamp on the west side of Third street above Poplar street.

Mr. O'Neill,

One from the Messengers of the Mayor, asking for an increase of salary.

Which were referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Northrop,

One from the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, asking permission to construct a culvert from Third street and

Willing's alley to the main culvert at Third and Walnut streets.

Referred to Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Mr. Hagner,

A communication from the City Solicitor, asking that the several judgments heretofore recovered against the City may be removed, in order to prevent embarrassment in making titles to the real estate recently sold.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Fitler,

A petition from the Independence Hose Company, asking to be admitted into the Fire Department.

Also,

One from citizens of the Sixteenth Ward, asking that the Independence Hose Company may be admitted into the Fire Department.

Referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

The President

Presented a communication from Eugene Ahern, informing Council that he had received a letter from the Hon. James Buchanan, President elect, acknowledging the offer of Independence Hall for the reception of his friends.

Laid on the Table.

Also,

A communication from A. Heron, Jr., calling attention of Council to the bad condition of the grading of Delaware Avenue, between Vine and Callowhill streets.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Hagner,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

To which was referred the communication from the City Controller, in relation to certain Bills for printing the

extra assessment for 1856, submitted a report with a Resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 39.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Reported back as committed the Bill of S. L. Hibbs, for painting the several Court Rooms, with a recommendation that the same be referred to the Committee on Claims and a Resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 40.)

The Resolution was read twice and adopted,

And the Bill so referred.

Also,

Reported as committed the Resolution from Select Council, to authorize the City Treasurer to appoint two additional clerks for a period of three months, with a recommendation that it be adopted. (Appendix No. 41.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Reported as committed, the Resolution from Select Council to authorize the City Controller to appoint an additional Clerk, with a recommendation that it be adopted. (Appendix No. 42.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the Resolution,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker and Stevenson,

And being ordered were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Abraham Baker, Barton, Bevan, Boller, Bremer, Craven, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman, Mascher, Miller, Monaghan, McManus, Owen, Porter, Robb, Schofield, Vanhorn, Welsh, Winship and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Barber, Boyle, Benjamin H. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, J. F. Deal, Dutton, Elliott, Fitler, Hubbard, Iseminger, Kelly, Lindsay, Melloy, Murphy, McMakin, Northrop, Parker, Sorver, Stevenson and Wright.

Yeas 23. Nays 21.

It was agreed to.

Also,

Reported in lieu of Bill No. 18, Common Council File, "to make an appropriation to pay interest on endorsed warrants," a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to pay the interest on endorsed warrants and interest and costs on Judgments obtained upon warrants." (Appendix No. 43.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration,

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to strike out "40.000," and insert "20.000."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Stevenson and Parker,

And being ordered, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Iseminger, Parker and Stevenson.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Abr'm Baker, Barton, Bevan, Boller, Booth, Borie, Boyle, Bremer, Benjamin H. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Craven, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Fitler, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Hubbard, Kelly, King, Lex, Lindsay, Mascher, Melloy, Miller, Murphy, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Owen, Porter, Robb, Schofield, Sorver, Vanhorn, Welsh, Wright and Patterson, President.

Yeas 3. Nays 46.

It was not agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Also,

Reported as committed, the Resolution from Select Council, "To authorize the City Controller to transfer \$ 100 from Item 'Improvement of Lemon Hill Park,' to Item 'Repairs to Wire Bridge,'" with a recommendation that it be adopted. (Appendix No. 44.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Reported a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay certain judgments therein named," with a recommendation that it be passed. (Appendix No 45.)

Laid on the table.

Select Council,

Informed that they have passed 'a Resolution "To transfer certain items of appropriation to the Board of Controllers of the Public Schools."

Mr. Owen

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration thereof.

Agreed to

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Hassinger,

Chairman of the Committee on Water Works,

Submitted a report with an estimate of the appropriation required for that Department, for 1857. (Appendix No. 46.)

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Bremer,

Chairman of the Committee on Police,

Submitted a report with a Resolution "Relative to the change of certain items of appropriation to the Department of Police." (Appendix No. 47.)

Mr. Bremer

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Holman

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 27, Common Council File, "Directing the manner of procuring the Printing, Binding and Stationary, for the City of Philadelphia."

Agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration,

Mr. Miller

Moved to amend as follows:

Insert at the end of third line, "twice a week."

Agreed to.

Mr. Holman

Moved to amend, as follows :

In the second line, strike out "June," and insert "December."

In eleventh after "Journal," add "Appendix."

In thirteenth line after "Journal," add "Appendix."

In fifteenth line, strike out "Appendix."

Agreed to.

The Section as amended was agreed to.

The Second Section being under consideration,

Mr. Holman

Moved to amend by striking out in the first and second lines, "third stated meeting in July," and in the first line, insert after "at," where it first occurs, "the third," and strike out "August," and insert "January," so as to read "At the third stated meeting in January and annually thereafter."

Agreed to.

The Second Section as amended was agreed to.

The Third Section being under consideration,

Mr. Northrop

Moved to insert before the word "their," in the second line, the words "the Presidents of."

Agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to amend, as follows :

In the first line, add the word "Joint," before the word "Committee."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to strike out the word "Five," where it occurs and insert "Seven."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Northrop

Moved to amend by inserting after the word "measures," in the fourth line the words "with the approval of Councils."

Mr. Mascher

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the Bill and make it the order of the day for Thursday next.

Not agreed to.

The question being upon the motion of Mr. Northrop to amend in the fourth line.

It was agreed to.

Mr. Winship

Moved to amend by striking out all from the word "which" in the third line to the word "the" in the tenth line.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Moved to strike out in the second and third line, the words "which shall constitute" and insert the words "to be."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Henry

Moved to amend as follows: strike out from the commencement of the section to the word "on," in the third line, and insert as follows: "that the Presidents of Select and Common Councils be authorized and directed to appoint

five members of their respective chambers, who shall constitute Standing Committees," and add in the tenth line the letter "s" to "Committee."

Agreed to.

The Third Section as amended was agreed to.

Mr. Winship

Moved to reconsider the vote by which the Second Section was passed.

Agreed to.

Mr. Winship

Moved to amend as follows; strike out in the eighteenth line the word "Presidents," and insert "Mayor."

Mr. Catherwood

Moved to amend the amendment by inserting in lieu of "Mayor" "City Solicitor."

Agreed to.

The Section as amended was agreed to.

The Fourth Section being under consideration,

Mr. Holman

Offered the following as a substitute:

That so much of any Ordinance or Resolution which is supplied by the passage of this Ordinance, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Agreed to.

The Fourth Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Select Council

Informed that they have passed a Resolution, "To transfer a certain item of appropriation to the Board of Health."

Mr. Owen

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

A Resolution "To release certain property of J. Whiteman, from the lien of a judgment therein mentioned."

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

The Resolution was referred to Committee on Finance.

Also,

A Resolution "To release certain property of James Martin, from the lien of judgment therein mentioned."

Also,

A Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of City Commissioners."

Which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

A Bill entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the payment of a claim of George M. Freeman."

Referred to the Committee on City Property.

Also,

A Bill entitled "An Ordinance to authorize the construction of a certain Culvert."

Referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Also,

A Resolution "To authorize the Chief Commissioner of Highways to cause Market street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, between Till street and the First Toll Gate, on the West Chester Plank Road, to be graded."

Also,

A Resolution to authorize the opening of Sixth street, from Ellwood Lane to Nicetown Lane.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

That they have concurred in the Resolution to direct the City Controller to make a transfer in the annual appropriation for the year 1856, to the Department of the City Treasurer, with the following amendments, to wit: strike out all after the word "Resolution" in the Title and insert "to transfer certain Items of the appropriation to the Department of the City Treasurer," strike out all after the word "Resolved" in the Resolution and insert "By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the sum of five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from item No. 3, of appropriation by 'Ordinance approved March 11th, 1856, for Temporary Clerk hire, Books, Stationary, advertising and printing sterling transfer bonds' to item No. 4, for fuel and other expenses."

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

In the Resolution to authorize the paving of Thompson street in the Twentieth Ward, Noble, Green and Coates streets in the Eleventh Ward, and Morris street and Cuba street in the First Ward.

Also,

In the Resolution "To permit Lane Schofield to transfer his contract for cleansing the Fourth District."

Also,

In the Resolution "To authorize the grading of Franklin Avenue and Norris street, at the ends of the Bridge

over Gunners Run Canal, and the erection of a Wall thereat."

Also,

In the "Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers and Cleansing the City, to pay certain Road Damages, partly in Certificates of City Debt and partly in money."

Also,

Concurred in the Bill entitled "A further Supplement to an Ordinance, entitled an Ordinance to provide for the management of John Scott's Legacy, passed 9th September, 1841."

The President

Presented the following from the Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
December 11th, 1856.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN :—

The following Ordinance and Joint Resolutions have been approved and signed, viz :

On the 6th inst., "An Ordinance to authorize the Superintendent of Trusts to proceed to and view the lands in Centre County, Pennsylvania, devised to the City in trust, by Elias Boudinot, and to employ counsel to dispossess any person or persons who may be unlawfully in possession of the same, or any part thereof, and to make an appropriation to pay the expenses thereof, and also, to pay the taxes on said lands."

On the 6th inst., "A Resolution transferring items of appropriation in Department of Highways "

On the 6th inst., "A Resolution directing the Department of Highways to notify property owners on certain streets to pave, &c."

On the 10th inst., "An Ordinance to provide for the erection of additional Gas Lamps."

On the 10th inst., Resolution "To authorize the repair of a Bridge on Crease's Lane, in the upper part of the Twenty-first Ward."

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Iseminger,

On leave granted, read a Bill in place, entitled "An Ordinance to change the boundary lines of the Fourth Division of the First Ward, and to create an additional Division in said Ward, and to establish a place of voting in said additional Division."

Mr. Iseminger

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and only Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Baird,

Chairman of the Committee on Port Wardens, &c.,

Submitted a report with amendments to the estimate of appropriation required by that Department for the ensuing year. (Appendix No. 48.)

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Melloy,

On leave granted offered the following :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Council, that the Highway Department is hereby authorized to grade Robertson street between Master and Jefferson streets, in the Twentieth Ward, provided the sum expended shall not exceed seventy-five dollars.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Brouse,

Chairman of the Committee on Market Houses,

Submitted a report from the Committees on Market Houses and on Port Wardens, &c., to which was referred the estimate of appropriation required by that Department, for the ensuing year, with "An Ordinance Supplemental to an Ordinance, establishing the Department of Market Houses." (Appendix No. 49.)

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Sorver,

Chairman of the Committee on Claims,

Submitted a report adverse to the payment of the claims of Messrs. Logan and Alcott; Messrs. Hopkins and Paul D. Jones, with a Resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 50.)

Mr. Sorver

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution :

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A report adverse to the payment of the claim of Samuel Hasson, with a Resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 51.)

Mr. Sorver

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Barton,

Chairman of the Committee on Health.

Submitted a report with amendments to the estimate of appropriation required by that Department for the ensuing year. (Appendix No. 52.)

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Sorver,

From the Committee on Claims, reported back as committed the claim of William M. Evans, with a recommendation that it be referred to the Committee on Highways, and a Resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the same. (Appendix No. 53.)

Mr. Sorver

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A report adverse to the claim of Messrs. Ganung and Whiteman, with a Resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 54.)

Mr. Sorver

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Mr. Barber

Moved to re-commit the claim to the Committee.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, December 18th, 1856.

Council met.

The President in the Chair.

Members present,

Messrs. Alexander,
Baird,
Baker, Abraham,
Barber,
Barton,
Bevan,
Boller,
Booth,
Borie,
Boyle,
Bradford,
Bremer,
Bromley,
Brown, Benjamin H.
Brown, M. C.
Brownholtz,
Butler,
Catherwood,
Crease,
Craven,
Davis,
Deal, J. F.,
Deal, William,
Dougherty,
Dutton,
Fitler,
Ford,
Geiss,

Messrs. Hagner,
Harper,
Hassinger,
Henry,
Holman,
Horrocks,
Iseminger,
Jackson,
Kelly,
King,
Leech,
Lex,
Mascher,
Mecutchen,
Melloy,
Miller,
Murphy,
McCleary,
McMakin,
McManus,
McNeal,
Northrop,
O'Neill,
Owen,
Parker,
Porter,
Ridgway,
Robb,

Messrs. Roberts, C. B.,	Messrs. Stevenson,
Roberts, Spencer,	Vanhorn,
Schofield,	Vogdes,
Slocum,	Welsh,
Snyder,	Winship,
Sorver,	Wright,
Patterson, President.	

Mr. Boyle

Moved to dispense with the reading of the Journal.

Agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Presented a petition from owners of property in the First Ward, asking that water pipes may be laid in Lentz street between Eleventh and Twelfth streets.

Referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Also,†

One from the same, asking that Lentz, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets may be paved.

Mr. Brownholtz,

One from owners of property in the Twenty-first Ward, asking that an appropriation may be made to widen and grade Broad street from the Germantown and Norristown Railroad to the Germantown Turnpike.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Abraham Baker,

One from C. Benkert, asking to be allowed to extinguish a certain ground rent.

Mr. Leech,

A bill from R. S. Garrison, for making out transcript of the Extra Assessments of the Sixteenth Ward.

Which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Abraham Baker,

A petition from John R. White, President of the Delaware Coal Company, and Margaretta S. Wetherill, asking that an amount of overpaid taxes be refunded.

Mr. Alexander,

A Bill from William Henwood, and also one from Mary Ann Jones, Administratrix of the Estate of Isaac Jones, deceased, for Indexing Assessment Books of the Sixth and Seventh Wards.

Mr. Vogdes,

A bill from Samuel L. Smedley, for services as Surveyor of the Eleventh District.

Mr. Barber,

One from James Murray, for making transcript of the Extra Assessment of the Eighteenth Ward.

Which were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Vogdes,

One from Samuel L. Smedley, asking for an appropriation for a continuance of the survey of the Eleventh District.

Referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Mr. Barber,

Bills from A. H. Shoemaker and John Clouds, for services as Police Magistrates of the Sixteenth and Eighteenth Wards.

Mr. Bremer,

A petition from owners of property in Dilks Court, in Wood street above Ridge Avenue, asking that a Gas Lamp may be placed opposite the entrance to said court.

Which were referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to postpone the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 44, Common Council File, as passed by Select Council, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay certain claims against the City."

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

The President

Presented the following communication from the Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
December 18th, 1856.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :

The following Ordinances and Joint Resolutions have been approved and signed, viz :

On the 15th inst., "An Ordinance entitled a further Supplement to an Ordinance, entitled 'An Ordinance to provide for the management of John Scott's Legacy; passed 9th September, 1841.'"

On the 15th inst., "A Resolution to authorize the paving of Thompson street, in the Twentieth Ward ; Noble, Green and Coates streets, in the Eleventh Ward, and Morris and Cuba streets, in the First Ward."

On the 15th inst., "A Resolution to permit Lane Schofield to transfer his contract for cleaning the Fourth District.

On the 17th inst., "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers

and Cleansing the City, to pay certain Road Damages, partly in Certificates of City Debt and partly in money."

On the 15th inst., "An Ordinance to provide for the erection of additional Gas Lamps."

On the 18th inst., "A Resolution to authorize the grading of Franklin Avenue and Norris street, at the ends of the Bridge over the Gunners Run Canal, and the erection of a Wall thereat."

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Laid on the table.

Also,

A communication from the managers of the Rosine Association, asking for an appropriation for the year 1857.

Also,

A petition from owners of property of the Twenty-second Ward, asking that Gas Lamps may be placed on Tulpehocken street, from Adams to Wayne streets.

Referred to the Committee on Police.

Also,

A communication from the managers of the Sunbury and Erie Rail Road Company, asking for aid to further the completion of the Road.

Mr. Owen,

Moved to refer the same to a special Committee of five.

Mr. Lex

Moved to amend as follows, viz: "to lay the whole subject on the table."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Boyle and Booth,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Bevan, Boller, Boyle M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Davis, J. F. Deal, Dutton, Fitler, Ford, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Jackson, King Lex, Mascher, Miller, Porter, Robb, C. B. Roberts, Sorver Stevenson, Vanhorn, and Welsh.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Barber, Barton, Booth, Bremer, Bromley, Benjamin H. Brown, Catherwood, Craven, William Deal, Harper, Holman, Horrocks, Kelly, Leech, Meeutchen, Melloy, Murphy, McNeal, O'Neill, Owen, Sloeum, Snyder, Vogdes, Winship, Wright and Patterson, President.

Yeas 27. Nays 27.

It was not agreed to.

The question being on the motion of Mr. Owen,

It was agreed to.

The President

Appointed the following Committee, viz :

Messrs. Owen, Lex, Robb, Fitler and Booth.

The President

Announced the following appointments :

Mr. Meeutchen

On the Committee on Finance, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Findlay ;

Mr. Iseminger

On the Committee on Highways, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Potter ;

Mr. Wright

On the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Findlay ;

Mr. Melloy

On the Committee on Schools, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Potter ;

Mr. Brownholtz

On the Committee on Girard Estates, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr. Burnell;

Mr. Barber

On the Committee on Printing and Stationary, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr. Burnell;

Mr. Hagner,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

Reported as committed, Resolutions to release certain properties of James Martin and J. Whiteman, from liens of Judgments therein mentioned, with a recommendation that they be adopted. (Appendix No. 55.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolutions were read twice and adopted.

Also,

Reported a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay the interest on the funded debt of the City of Philadelphia, falling due on the First day of January, 1857, and to pay the principal money of such debt as will become due and payable during the year 1857. (Appendix No. 56.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First, Second, Third, and Fourth Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to,

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading,

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Also,

Reported "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay certain bills for copying and arranging records and papers in the office of the Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas." (Appendix No. 57.)

Laid on the table.

Also,

Reported back the Ordinance from Select Council, "to make an appropriation to pay certain claims against the City," with a request that a certain portion of it be referred to the Committee on Claims, and a certain other portion to the Committee on Market Houses, with a Resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 58.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

The Ordinance was so referred.

Also,

Reported as committed the Resolution from Select Council, "to transfer certain Items of appropriation to the Department of City Treasurer." (Appendix No. 59.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Reported adverse to the Bill from Select Council to transfer \$ 250 from the item "for outer channel visits" to Item "for expenses of Health Officers," with a Resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 60.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Reported the Ordinance from Select Council "To make an appropriation to the Fire Department, for purposes therein mentioned," with amendments. (Appendix No. 61.)

Laid on the Table.

Also,

Reported the Ordinance from Select Council, "To make an appropriation to the Department of City Commissioners, for the purpose of paying salaries and other expenses incident to assessments and expenses of election in October and November, 1856," with amendments. (Appendix No. 62.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First Section as amended was agreed to.

The Second Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Miller,

Chairman of the Committee on Highways,

Reported as committed the Resolution from Select Council, to authorize the grading of Market street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, between Till street and the first Toll-gate on the West Chester Plank Road. (Appendix No. 63.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Submitted a report adverse to the Resolution from Select Council to open Chatham street from Front to Sixth street, in the Nineteenth Ward. (Appendix No. 64.)

Laid on the table.

Also,

Submitted a report adverse to the Resolution from Select Council, "To open Sixth street, from Elwood Lane to Nicetown Lane, in the Twenty-third Ward." (Appendix No. 65.)

Laid on the table.

Also,

Submitted a report with a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers and Cleansing the City, to pay certain Road Damages, partly in Certificates of City Debt and partly in money." (Appendix No. 66.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. Bremer,

Chairman of the Committee on Police,

Submitted a report with "An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the expenses of the Police Department,

for the year 1857, and to pay certain deficiencies on account of the present appropriation." (Appendix No. 67.)

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Mascher,

Chairman of the Committee on Prisons,

Submitted a report with an estimate of the appropriation required by that Department, for the ensuing year. (Appendix No. 68.)

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

An estimate of appropriation required by the Debtors Apartment, for the ensuing year. (Appendix No. 69.)

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

Submitted a report with a Resolution "To transfer certain items of appropriation made to the Inspectors of the County Prison, for use of the Debtors Department thereof, approved Sept. 23d, 1856. (Appendix No. 70.)

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Northrop,

Chairman of the Committee on Surveys and Regulations,

Submitted a report with a Resolution authorizing the construction of an Inlet at the South-west corner of Market and Letitia streets, to connect with the Market street Sewer. (Appendix No. 71.)

Laid on the table.

Also,

A report with an "Ordinance to construct a certain culvert." (Appendix No. 72.)

Mr. Northrop

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Also,

Reported as committed the Resolution from Select Council to authorize the construction of a Drain across the property of Henry J. Williams, Esq., in the Fifteenth Ward. (Appendix No. 73.)

Mr. Northrop

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A report with a Resolution to adjust the grades of York, Cumberland, Huntingdon, Somerset and Clearfield streets, and Lehigh and Alleghany Avenues. (Appendix No. 74.)

Mr. Northrop

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution being under consideration,

Mr. McCleary

Moved to postpone the consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Reported as committed the Ordinance from Select Council "to authorize the construction of a certain culvert on Springett street," with amendments. (Appendix No. 75.)

Mr. Northrop

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First Section was agreed to.

The Second Section as amended was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Also,

Reported "An Ordinance to pay Enoch Thorn certain claims against the City, and for other purposes." (Appendix No. 76.)

Mr. Northrop

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Mr. Miller

Moved to postpone the consideration of the Bill and that it be printed.

Agreed to.

Mr. Owen

Offered the following:

Resolved, That when this Chamber adjourns it shall be to meet on Tuesday, December 23d, 1856, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. Owen

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Moved to strike out "Tuesday the 23d," and insert "Wednesday the 24th."

Not agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Northrop,

On leave granted,

Presented the petition of certain officers of the Presidential election in November last, asking payment for their services.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Sorver,

Chairman of the Committee on Claims,

Reported back the claim of Samuel Allen, late Sheriff of the City and County of Philadelphia, with a recommendation that it be referred to the Committee on Law, and also reported adverse to the payment of the claim of Edward L. Spain, for services as Surveyor of the Nineteenth Ward, with a Resolution to be discharged from the consideration of the same. (Appendix No. 77.)

Mr. Sorver,

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

And the claim of Samuel Allen was so referred.

Mr. Leech,

Chairman of the Special Committee to investigate the accounts of F. Knox Morton, City Treasurer,

Submitted a report with a Resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 78.)

Mr. Leech

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

Mr. Lex

Moved to amend as follows :

“Resolved, That the Committee be continued and directed under the advice of the City Solicitor, should he concur therein, to prepare an impeachment of the City Treasurer, or to report such legal measures as they may deem necessary in the premises to this Chamber, and that five hundred additional copies of the report and testimony be printed for the use of the Members.”

Mr. King

Moved to strike out the words “should he concur therein.”

Not agreed to.

Mr. King

Moved to postpone the consideration of the report for the present and print five hundred copies for the use of Members.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Barber and McCleary,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Barber, Barton, Bevan, Boller, Booth, Boyle, Bradford, Benjamin H. Brown,

Crease, Craven, J. F. Deal, Ford, Harper, Henry, King, Mecutchen, Melloy, Miller, McManus, Parker, Robb, Sorver, Welsh, and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Bremer, Bromley, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Catherwood, William Deal, Dutton, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, Leech, Lex, Mascher, McCleary, McMakin, McNeal, Northrop, Owen, Porter, Slocum, Stevenson, Vogdes, Winship, and Wright.

Yeas 25. Nays 28.

It was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment of Mr. Lex,

It was agreed to.

The Resolution as amended was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Henry

Offered the following :

Resolved, That a Special Committee, consisting of three members, be appointed to inquire and report to the Common Council, whether the duties of a Police Magistrate are steadily exercised at the Office of the Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, and, if so, by whom and under what authority such duties are performed, and also whether any statement of the fines, penalties and costs, which may have been received by the person or persons exercising such duties, has been made to the City Controller, or any payment of the amount thereof made to the City Treasurer, as required by the 21st Section of "The further Supplement to the 'Act Consolidating the City of Philadelphia,'" approved May 13th, 1856.

Read twice and adopted.

The President

Appointed Messrs. Henry, Leech and William Deal, the Committee.

Mr. Mascher,

On leave granted,

Read in place an Ordinance to provide for the payment of the claim of Henry T. Grout. (Appendix No. 79.)

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Butler,

Chairman of the Committee on Gas Works,

Submitted a report with an estimate of the amount required by that Department for the ensuing year. (Appendix No. 80.)

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Lex

Offered the following:

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be requested to prepare and report for the consideration of this Chamber an Ordinance providing for the extinction of the funded debt of the City by its exchange on the part of such holders as may so desire for stock of the Pennsylvania Rail Road Company at par.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Wright

Offered the following:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Highways notify the property owners on Carlisle street, from Master to Jefferson streets, to curb and pave their footways according to law.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Catherwood

Offered the following Resolution to change the name of Marsh street to Poplar.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the name of Marsh street, from Cohocksink Creek to the River Delaware, in the Sixteenth Ward, be changed to Poplar street.

Mr. Catherwood

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. Winship

Moved to refer it to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Not agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Henry

Offered the following:

Resolved, By the Select and Common Council of the City of Philadelphia, that the Commissioner of City Property be, and he is hereby required forthwith to have the deer now in Logan Square removed therefrom or to cause the same to be kept within the enclosure provided for them.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No 46, Common Council File, to make an appropriation to the Department of Market Houses.

Not agreed to.

Select Council

Informed that they have passed a Resolution approving of an Amendment to Section 3 of the By-Laws of the Board of Directors of the Fire Department.

Mr. Winship

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

That they have passed a Resolution to grade Robertson street, between Master and Jefferson streets, in the Twentieth Ward.

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

That they have passed a Resolution authorizing the Department of Highways to construct an Inlet at Market and Letitia streets.

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

The Resolution was referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Also,

That they have passed a Resolution to transfer certain Items of an appropriation to the Board of Controllers of the Public Schools.

Mr. Winship

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution being read a second time,

Mr. Abraham Baker

Moved to postpone its consideration for the present and that it be referred to the Committee on Schools.

Agreed to.

It was so referred.

Also,

That they had passed an Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Guardians of the Poor of the income of certain Trusts to be applied according to the requirements of the respective Trusts.

Also,

“An Ordinance to authorize the sale of certain City Loans to pay the funded debt of the City of Philadelphia falling due on January 1st, 1857, and to make an appropriation for the payment of the same.”

Also,

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay the interest on the funded debt of the City of Philadelphia, falling due on the first day of January, 1857.”

Which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

That they had concurred in the Bill entitled “An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay the Interest on the Funded Debt of the City of Philadelphia falling due on the first day of January, 1857, and to pay the principal money of such debt as will become due and payable during the year 1857,” with the following amendments :

Strike out in the fifth line of the First Section, the words “which will,” and add to the word “fall,” in the sixth line, the termination “ing ;” also, strike out all after “1857,” in the seventh line ; also, strike out in the third line, the words “five hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars,” and insert the words “five hundred and ten thousand dollars.”

In the Second Section, strike out all after the words “shall be,” in the second line, and insert “drawn as follows : the City Treasurer shall present to the Mayor a list of the loan holders to be paid as aforesaid, the amount of the principal of the debt owned by them respectively, the rate and amount of interest accrued, the amount of state tax to be deducted and retained, and the net sum due for

interest, and at the foot of such list the Mayor shall add the following Warrant :

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
[date.]

To CITY TREASURER,

Pay to the Persons and Corporations above named the amounts respectively due to them, as above set forth, for Interest on City Debt due.

Mayor.

The said list and warrant shall then be presented to the Controller to be countersigned."

Strike out the "Third and Fourth Sections."

Amend the Title by striking out all after "1857," where it first occurs.

Also,

That they have concurred in the following, to wit :

Resolution directing the Chief Commissioner of Highways to use all legal means to compel the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company to have Grays Ferry Bridge properly lighted.

Resolution relative to the change of certain items of appropriation to the Department of Police.

Resolution to transfer certain items of appropriation made to the Inspectors of the County Prison, for the use Debtors Department thereof, approved Sept'r 23d, 1856.

The "Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay Interest on Endorsed Warrants and Interest and Costs on Judgments obtained upon Warrants."

Mr. Porter

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, December 23d, 1856.

Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the Chair.

Members present,

Messrs. Alexander,

Baird,

Baker, A. J.,

Baker, Abraham,

Barber,

Barton,

Bevan,

Boller,

Booth,

Bradford,

Brown, M. C.

Brownholtz,

Brouse,

Butler,

Craven,

Deal, J. F.,

Deal, William,

Dougherty,

Dutton,

Fitler,

Ford,

Geiss,

Hagner,

Hassinger,

Henry,

Iseminger,

Messrs. Kelly,

King,

Leech,

Lex,

Lindsay,

Martin,

Mascher,

Melloy,

Miller,

Monaghan,

McCleary,

McMakin,

McManus,

McNeal,

Northrop,

O'Neill,

Owen,

Parker,

Porter,

Robb,

Schofield,

Sorver,

Stevenson,

Vogdes,

Winship,

Wright,

Patterson, President.

Mr. McMakin

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the second reading and consideration of Bill No. 46, Common Council File, "Supplemental to an Ordinance, approved October 19th, 1854, entitled an Ordinance establishing the Department of Market Houses."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Baird,

Chairman of the Committee on Port Wardens, &c.,

On leave granted, submitted a report with "An Ordinance to make an appropriation for certain paving." (Appendix No. 81.)

Mr. Baird

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Bill.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

The President

Presented a communication from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, reporting the United and Ringgold Hose Companies for a violation of the Ordinance prescribing the Districts in which the several Companies shall be present at the time of fire.

Referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Hagner,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

Submitted a report with "An Ordinance, Supplemental to an Ordinance, entitled an Ordinance to make an ap-

propriation to pay the interest on Endorsed Warrants, and the interest on Costs on Judgments obtained on Warrants." (Appendix No. 82.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Bill.

Agreed to.

The First and only Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. McMakin

Moved to proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 46, Common Council File, "Supplemental to an Ordinance entitled an Ordinance establishing the Department of Market Houses."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker and Barber,

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Barton, Bevan, Boller, Bradford, M. C. Brown, Brouse, Craven, Wm. Deal, Dutton, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Jackson, Kelly, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Miller, Monaghan, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Owen, Robb, Vanhorn, Winship, Wright, and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Barber, Booth, Brownholtz, J. F. Deal, Fitler, Ford, Iseminger, Melloy, Parker, Schofield, Sorver, and Stevenson.

Yeas 31. Nays 13.

It was agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration,

Mr. Stevenson

Offered the following Amendment :

SEC. 1. Hereafter all Market Rents, Wharf Rents and Rents of all other Property belonging to the City of Philadelphia, shall be paid to the City Treasurer, at his office, in the following manner: all money due and owing for Rent of Stalls in Market Houses, Stands, &c., South of Callowhill street, shall be paid in the month of August and February, half yearly; all Rents as aforesaid North of the South Side of Callowhill street, in September and March, and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer, and he is hereby required, to keep three separate accounts, with Markets, Wharfs and all other City Property, and he is hereby authorized to procure suitable books for that purpose, which shall be open at all times for inspection by the Committee on Finance.

SEC. 2. The City Treasurer is hereby authorized, if required, to employ one additional Clerk, by and with the advice and consent of Select Council, at a salary not exceeding eight hundred dollars per annum, whose duty it shall be to receive all Rents of Markets, Wharfs, Landings and all other City Property; he shall be termed Market and Property Clerk, and it shall be the duty of said Treasurer to notify the Commissioner of City Property of all persons in arrears of Rent or otherwise, which money is required to be paid into his office, and the said Commissioner shall proceed forthwith to collect the same, according to law, and pay to the City Treasurer the amounts as received by him, and it shall be the duty of the Commissioner of City Property, and he is hereby required, to furnish the Treasurer a complete Rent Roll of Markets, Wharfs, Landings and all other City Property, whereby the City receives a revenue at least once in each year, and at any other time if required by said Treasurer, and that the office of Commissioner of Markets be and the same is hereby abolished.

The Amendments being under consideration,

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to postpone the whole subject for the present.

Mr. McCleary

Moved to amend, as follows: "To refer the same to the Committee on City Property."

Agreed to.

Mr. Henry

Presented a memorial from the Trustees of the Union School and Children's Home, asking for an appropriation.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Alexander

Moved to proceed to the election of Three Managers of the Wills Hospital, for the ensuing three years.

Agreed to.

The Clerks acting as tellers reported that 50 votes had been cast, of which

Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Abraham Baker, Barton, Boller, Bradford, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Butler, Catherwood, William Deal, J. F. Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Fitler, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, Leech, Lindsay, Mascher, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Northrop, O'Neill, Owen, Recktenwald, Robb, Schofield, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Winship, Wright and Patterson, President,

45, voted for John McCallister, Morris Patterson and Dr. J. H. B. McClelland.

Mr. Bevan,

1, voted for John McCallister and Morris Patterson.

Messrs. Barber, Craven, King and Parker,

4, voted for Franklin Platt, Isaac Elliott and Samuel Caley.

In all, 50 votes.

John McCallister, Morris Patterson and Dr. J. H. B. McClelland having received a majority of votes cast, were declared duly elected Managers of the Wills Hospital.

Mr. Hagner,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

On leave granted, reported as committed the amendments by Select Council to the Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay the interest on the funded debt. (Appendix No. 83.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The amendments were severally read and agreed to.

Also,

Reported as committed, the Ordinance from Select Council "to authorize the sale of City Loan to pay the funded debt of the City of Philadelphia, falling due on January 1st, 1857, and to make an appropriation for the payment of the same." (Appendix No. 84.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

Whereupon, on motion of

Mr. Miller

Council resolved itself into Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Owen

In the Chair.

After some time the Committee rose, and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

The question being on the final passage of the Bill, as amended,

It was agreed to.

Mr. Owen,

On leave granted, offered the following:

Resolved, Select Council concurring, that the stated meetings of December 25th and January 1st, be and are hereby dispensed with.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Owen

Offered the following:

Resolved, That when this Chamber adjourns it shall be to meet on Tuesday, Dec. 30th, 1856, at 3 o'clock P. M.

The Resolution being under consideration,

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to strike out "2 P. M.," and insert "10 A. M."

Not agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Parker

Offered the following:

Resolved, That the Committee on Wharves and Landings be requested to report at next meeting, to this body, when the repairs which are to be made to the City Ice Boat will be completed and the Boat ready for service.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. McCleary

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the Bill from Select Council, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of the City Controller."

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

The President

Presented the following communication from the Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
December 23d, 1856.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :—

The following Joint Resolutions and Ordinance have been approved and signed, viz:

On the 19th inst. a Resolution relative to the change of certain Items of appropriation to the Department of Police.

On the 20th inst. a Resolution to transfer certain Items of appropriation made to the Inspectors of the County Prison, for the use of the Debtors' Apartment thereof, approved September 23d, 1856.

On the 20th inst. a Resolution directing the Chief Commissioner of Highways to use all legal means to compel the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Rail Road Co., to have the Grays Ferry Bridge properly lighted, &c.

On the 20th inst. An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay the interest on endorsed warrants, and interest and costs on judgments obtained upon warrants.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Laid on the table.

Select Council,

Informed that they have passed a Resolution, "to transfer certain Items of an appropriation to the Clerk of Councils."

Mr. Owen

Moved to proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Winship,

On leave granted presented a Resolution from members of the Police of the City, asking for an increase of salary.

Mr. Abraham Baker

Moved that it be referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to amend as follows: "that the Resolution be laid on the table."

Agreed to.

Also,

Presented a petition from the Empire Hook and Ladder Company, asking for the removal of a Fire Alarm Telegraph Box.

Referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Catherwood

Offered the following:

Resolved, By the Select and Common Council, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be directed, to remove the gates and other obstructions, now placed upon a certain public alley running from Front street, to Water street, north of Chestnut street, between the houses numbered 35 and 37, on the east side of said Front street.

The Resolution being read a second time,

Mr. Lex

Moved to postpone the consideration of the same, and that it be referred to the Committee on Highways.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was so referred.

Mr. Miller,

Chairman of the Committee on Highways, on leave granted,

Submitted a report with a Resolution, "To change a certain Item of appropriation made to the Department of Highways." (Appendix No. 85.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Hagner,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

Reported as committed the Ordinance from Select Council, "to make an appropriation to the Guardians of the Poor, of the income of certain trusts to be applied according to the requirements of the respective trusts." (Appendix No. 86.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Also,

Reported as committed, the Ordinance from Select Council, to make an appropriation to the Department of City Commissioners. (Appendix No. 87.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

On the question, to proceed to a third reading,

Mr. Bevan

Moved to re-commit the Bill.

Agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the Bill from Select Council, "To make an appropriation to the Department of Highways to pay certain road damages in Certificates of City Debt."

Agreed to.

The First Second and Third Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Abraham Baker

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the Bill No. 45, Common Council File, "To make an appropriation to pay certain Judgments."

Agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration,

Mr. Hagner

Moved to amend as follows, add to the end of the section "R. & S. H. Jones, \$ 4250."

Agreed to.

Mr. Barton

Moved to strike out \$1100 and insert \$ 5350.

Agreed to.

The Section as amended was agreed to.

The Second Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for third reading.

It was then read a third time and passed.

Select Council,

Informed that they have passed the following Bills, viz:

To make an appropriation to the Department for supplying the City with water for the year 1857.

To make an appropriation to the Board of Controllers of the Public Schools of the First School District of Pennsylvania, for the purpose of defraying the cost of maintaining and managing the Schools in the said District for the year 1857.

To make an appropriation to the Board of Guardians of the Poor for the payment of the expenses thereof, for the year 1857.

Which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, December 30th, 1856.

Council met.

The President in the Chair.

Members present,

Messrs. Alexander,
Baird,
Baker, A. J.
Baker, Abraham,
Barber,
Barton,
Bevan,
Booth,
Boyle,
Bradford,
Bremer,
Bromley,
Brown, Benjamin H.
Brown, M. C.
Brownholtz,
Brouse,
Butler,
Catherwood,
Deal, J. F.,
Deal, William,
Dutton,
Ford,
Hagner,
Hassinger,
Henry,
Holman,
Horrocks,

Messrs. Iseminger,
Jackson,
Kelly,
Kershaw,
King,
Leech,
Lex,
Martin,
Mascher,
Mecutchen,
Melloy,
Miller,
Monaghan,
Murphy,
McCleary,
McMakin,
McManus,
McNeal,
Northrop,
O'Neill,
Owen,
Parker,
Porter,
Reed,
Ridgway,
Robb,
Snyder,

Messrs. Sorver,
Stevenson,
Vanhorn,
Vogdes,

Messrs. Welsh,
Winship,
Wright,
Patterson, President.

Bill No. 4, Common Council "To reorganize the Department of City Commissioners," being under consideration.

Mr. Northrop

Moved the further consideration of the Bill, be postponed for the present and that the Wards be called in their order for the presentation of petitions.

Agreed to.

Mr. Alexander,

Presented a petition from owners of property in the First Ward, asking that Sixth street from Morris to McKean street, Miffen from Fifth to Sixth street, and McKean from Fifth to Sixth street, may be curbed and paved.

Mr. McManus,

One from owners of property in the Nineteenth Ward, asking for a change of grade on Richmond street near the Reading Rail Road.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Boyle,

One from owners of property on Passayunk Road from Reid to Broad street, and on Broad (east side) to Snyder street, asking that Gas Lamps may be placed on said streets.

Mr. Ridgway,

One from citizens of the Fourth Ward, asking for the removal of a Gas Lamp from Monroe street between Third and Fourth streets, to another position on said street.

Also,

One from a number of Hotel Keepers, asking for the passage of an Ordinance to provide for fixed stands for

Coaches and Carriages at all the Rail Road Depots in the City;

Mr. Owen,

One from owners of property of the Twenty-second Ward, asking that Gas Lamps may be placed on Chestnut Hill.

Which were referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Boyle,

One from members of the Police of the First District, asking for an increase of their salaries.

Mr. Boyle

Moved to lay the petition on the table.

Agreed to.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Northrop,

One from owners of property in the vicinity of Spruce and Willow streets, on the River Schuylkill, asking for the construction of a culvert.

Referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Mr. Mascher,

One from owners of property on Alder street, between Poplar and Girard streets and Tenth and Eleventh streets, asking that water pipe may be laid therein.

Referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Hagner,

A Bill from Joseph L. Parry, for services as Engineer of Steam Fire Engine, Young America.

Referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. William Deal,

A petition from owners of property in the Twentieth Ward, asking that gas and water pipes may be laid in Fifteenth street, between Thompson and Master streets.

That portion referring to gas pipes, referred to the Committee on Gas Works.

And that to water pipes, referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Leech,

One from owners of property in the First Precinct, Twenty-fourth Ward, asking for a reduction of tax in the rural districts.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The consideration of Bill No. 4, Common Council File, being resumed,

Mr. Miller

Moved to postpone the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. Boyle,

On leave granted offered the following :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the Chief Engineer of the Water Department be and he is hereby instructed to report to Councils some means of providing a better supply of water in the southern part of the City, the supply there being inadequate to the wants of the public in that section of the City, particularly in the summer season.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved that the reports of Standing Committees be in order.

Agreed to.

Mr. Hagner,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

To which was referred the "Ordinance to provide for the payment of the claim of Henry Grout," reported the same as committed, with the request that it be referred to the Committee on Claims and a Resolution, to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 88.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

And the Ordinance was so referred.

Also,

Submitted a report with a Resolution to transfer \$ 150 appropriated to the Department of Receiver of Taxes, from Item "Blank Books and Stationary for the year 1856," to Item "Printers and Advertising." (Appendix No. 89.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Submitted a report with an "Ordinance to authorize measures to enable the City of Philadelphia to sell a certain small yearly rent charge." (Appendix No. 90.)

Laid on the table.

Also,

Reported as re-committed the Ordinance from Select Council, "To make an appropriation to the Department of City Commissioners." (Appendix No. 91.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Bill was read a third time and passed.

Mr. Bremer,

Chairman of the Committee on Police,

Submitted a report adverse to the increase of salary of the Mayors Messengers with a Resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 92.)

Mr. Bremer

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Stevenson,

Chairman of the Committee on Poor,

Submitted a report, with an estimate of the appropriation to that Department for 1857 with a Resolution that the same be referred with the communication from the Board of Guardians to the Committee on Finance and the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 93.)

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Owen,

Chairman of the Committee on Schools,

Reported as committed, the Resolution from Select Council to transfer certain item of an appropriation to the Board of Controllers of the First School District, with an amendment. (Appendix No. 94.)

Mr. Owen

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution as amended was adopted.

Mr. Northrop,

Submitted a report from the Committee on Law, with an estimate of the appropriation requested by that Department in 1857. (Appendix No. 95.)

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

From the same Committee reported a Resolution to remit to Thomas Craven, the costs and interest upon taxes on a certain property in the Nineteenth Ward. (Appendix No. 96.)

Mr. Northrop

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Moved to re-commit the subject to the Committee.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Ridgway

Moved to amend the Resolution as follows : add after the word "lot," as follows, "west side of Hancock street, 155 feet north of Norris street in the Nineteenth Ward, 72 feet by 109 feet."

Agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Moved to add the amount, viz : "\$ 8.00."

Agreed to.

The Resolution as amended was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Baird,

Chairman of the Committee on Port Wardens, Wharves and Public Landings, &c.,

To which was referred the Resolution, passed December 23d, 1856, requiring information of the Committee as to the repairs to the City Ice Boat, and the time when she would be ready for service, submitted a report with a Resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 97.)

Mr. Baird

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Brouse,

Chairman of the Committee on Market Houses,

Reported back as committed the communication from Charles C. Wilson, late Commissioner of Markets, asking for an appropriation to enable him to settle his accounts, with a Resolution to refer the same, with accompanying certificates from the City Controller, to the Committee on Finance. (Appendix No. 98.)

Mr. Brouse

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

And communication with certificates so referred.

Mr. Leech,

Chairman of the Special Committee,

To investigate charges against the City Treasurer, submitted a report with Resolutions requesting the District Attorney to institute such proceedings against the City Treasurer, as to him shall seem warranted by the testimony recently adduced before the Committee, and against such other persons as he may discover has been concerned in transactions connected with the Treasury Department as are disreputable to the City. and contrary to law, and also requesting the City Solicitor to aid the District Attorney in the said proceedings. (Appendix No. 99.)

Mr. Leech

Moved so suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolutions.

Agreed to.

Mr King

Moved to amend as follows :

Resolved, That the matter now before the Chamber be referred back to the Special Committee having charge of it, with instructions more fully to examine the same and for that purpose may require the production of and inspect all books and papers, and the attendance of witnesses by subpoena, and examine them under oath or affirmation, and that the City Treasurer shall be invited to attend on the meetings of said Committees, and that he shall have the right to produce and examine witnesses.

Mr. Lex

Moved to amend the amendment, by striking out all after the word "Resolved," and insert as follows:

"That the consideration of the report of the Special Committee relative to the City Treasurer be postponed until January 8th, and that the City Treasurer be requested in the mean time to suggest to this Council how or in what mode he desires the investigation to be made which he invites in his communication to the public.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Leech and J. F. Deal,

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barber, Barton, Bevan, Bradford, Bremer, Brownholtz, Brouse, Butler, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Ford, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Jackson, Kershaw, King, Lex, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Miller, Murphy, McCleary, McManus, Northrop, O'Neill, Parker, Reed, Ridgway, Robb, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Welsh, Wright and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Boyle, M. C. Brown, Dutton, Iseminger, Kelly, and Leech.

Yeas 41. Nays 6.

It was agreed to.

The President

Presented the following from the Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
December 30th, 1856.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN :—

A Joint Resolution, in the following words:

"Be it resolved, by the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the services of the

“Cohocksink,” and “Northern Liberty Hose Companies,” be accepted, and said Companies be admitted in the Fire Department;” has been presented for Executive approval required by law.

Whenever the public necessity requires an increase of the Fire Department, the Executive will be ready and most willing to further such legislation as is required for that object.

In such an event, it is perhaps the safest course, to confine the legislative enactment to single cases, and not unite, in one Resolution or Ordinance, various Companies.

The object desired may thus be defeated. One Company might be necessary, and good reasons exist to admit it into the Fire Department, while another in the same Ordinance or Joint Resolution might have no real merit on which to agree to its acceptance. The Executive is thus prevented from accepting the one, because sound reasons will not justify the same action as to the other.

If one or more Companies are thus placed in this connection the friends of all may have influence to effect legislation which those of either Company would be unable to accomplish. The Executive is thus made to take a responsibility which ought to be met elsewhere.

If this course is made the rule of action, it might result in public disadvantage rather than public benefit.

For these reasons I respectfully return the Resolution without my approval.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the subject for the present.

Not agreed to.

The question being on the final passage of the Resolution,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Welsh and Mascher,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. A. J. Baker, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Hassinger, Iseminger, Jackson, Kershaw, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Miller, Murphy, McMakin, McManus, O'Neill, Ridgway, Sorver, Stevenson and Welsh.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Abraham Baker, Bevan, Boyle, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Dutton, Ford, Hagner, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Kelly, Leech, Lex, Northrop, Robb, Vanhorn, Wright and Patterson, President.

Yeas 19. Nays 21.

It was not agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill,

Submitted a report from the Committee on City Property, with amendments to the estimate of the Commissioner on City Property of the appropriation for that Department for 1857, with a recommendation that it be passed. (Appendix No. 100.)

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

From the same Committee, reported as committed, the Resolution from Select Council, "granting the use of the upper room of Spring Garden Hall to the Wagner Free Institute of Science, upon certain conditions." (Appendix No. 101.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Not agreed to,

Also,

Reported as committed "An Ordinance establishing the Department of Market Houses," with a recommendation that it be passed. (Appendix No. 102.)

Mr O'Neill

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Stevenson and Northrop,

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barber, Bevan, Bradford, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Butler, William Deal, Dutton, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Kelly, Lex, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Miller, Murphy, McMakin, McManus, O'Neill, Ridgway, Robb, Vanhorn, Wright and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Boyle, Iseminger, Stevenson and Welsh.

Yeas 31. Nays 4.

It was not agreed to.

Also,

Reported as committed the Ordinance from Select Council, providing for the payment of the claim of George M. Freeman, with a recommendation that it be passed. (Appendix No. 103.)

Laid on the table.

The President

Presented the following communication from the Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
December 30th, 1856.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :

The following Ordinances and Joint Resolutions have been approved and signed, viz :

On the 27th inst., An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay the interest on the Funded Debt of the City of Philadelphia, falling due on January 1st, 1857.

On the 27th inst., An Ordinance Supplemental to an Ordinance, approved December 20th, 1856, entitled an Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay the interest on Endorsed Warrants, and interest and costs on judgments obtained upon Warrants.

On the 27th inst., An Ordinance to make an appropriation for certain paving.

On the 27th inst., A Resolution to change the name of Marsh street to Poplar street.

On the 27th inst., A Resolution directing the Chief Commissioner of Highways, to notify the property owners in Carlisle street, from Master to Jefferson streets, to curb and pave their footways, according to law.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Laid on the table.

Also,

A communication from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, reporting the Fairmount Engine Company for a violation of the Ordinance prescribing the District in which Companies shall assist at fires.

Referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Also,

A communication from the Pennsylvania Rail Road Company, informing Councils of the election of John Robbins, Jr.. Esq., by that body to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of H. Haupt, Esq.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Baird

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the Committee on Highways, be requested to confer with Chief Commissioners of Highways, and report at the next meeting of this body what progress has been made in the renumbering of Houses.

Read twice and adopted.

Select Council

Informed that they have passed a Resolution to pave Church street and Fourth street, from Morris to Mifflin streets.

Also,

A Resolution directing the Chief Commissioner of Highways to notify the owners of property on Wood street, from Gaul to Morris streets, to curb, pave and grade the same.

Also,

A Resolution authorizing the owners of property on Summer street, to pave the same.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

That they have passed a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department, of City Property, for the expenses thereof, for the year 1857."

Also,

That they have passed a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay certain judgments;" with the following amendments:

In the First Section, strike out "five thousand three hundred and fifty," where it occurs in the second and third lines, and insert "five thousand four hundred," insert after "No. 1302," "six hundred dollars," and after "No. 62," "three hundred dollars," and strike out "and," where it occurs between "No. 62" and "Hall;" insert between "No. 705" and "R. and S. Jones," "two hundred and fifty dollars and," and insert between "Jones" and "4250," "vs. the City of Philadelphia."

Section 2, strike out "City Treasurer," and insert "City Solicitor;" so that the whole will read as follows:

SEC. 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, do ordain that the sum of five thousand four hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to pay and satisfy the Judgments, Interest and Costs, in the following cases, to wit: "Wilson vs. the City of Philadelphia, District Court, March Term, 1856, No. 1302, six hundred dollars;" "Jeanes vs. the City of Philadelphia, September Term, 1856, No. 62, three hundred dollars;" "Hall vs. the City of Philadelphia, Common Pleas, September Term, 1855, No. 705, two hundred and fifty dollars," and "R. & S. H. Jones vs. the City of Philadelphia, four thousand two hundred and fifty dollars."

SEC. 2. Warrants for the payment of the same shall be drawn by the City Treasurer.

Also,

Have passed a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of City Commissioners to meet the expenses of that Department for the year 1857.

Also,

Have passed a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Inspectors of the County Prison, for the year 1857."

Also,

Have passed a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers and cleansing the City for the year 1857."

Also,

Have passed a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Market Houses, for the expenses thereof and for the care and management of the Wharves and Landings, belonging to the City for the year 1857."

Also,

Have passed a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the expenses of the Police Department for the year 1857, and to pay certain deficiencies on account of the appropriation of 1856."

Which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

That they have passed a Resolution to discontinue the office of Superintendent of the Petit Jury Room.

Also,

A Resolution for the appointment of a Joint Special Committee to meet a Committee of Merchants, in reference to the removal of Markets in Market street, and that other accommodations in lieu thereof may be adjusted.

Also,

A Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation out of the income of the Girard Estates, for the payment therein mentioned."

Also,

A Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the use of Girard College for Orphans, for the year 1857."

Also,

That they have non-concurred in the Amendments of Common Council, to the Bill from Select Council, "To make an appropriation to the Department of City Commissioners, for the purpose of paying Salaries and other expenses incident to assessments and expenses of election in October and November, for the year 1856."

Mr. Leech

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 8th, 1857.

Council met.

The President in the Chair.

Members present,

Messrs. Alexander,
Baird,
Baker, A. J.
Baker, Abraham,
Barber,
Barton,
Bevan,
Boller,
Booth,
Borie,
Bremer,
Bromley,
Brown, Benjamin H.
Brown, M. C.
Butler,
Catherwood,
Crease,
Craven,
Davis,
Deal, J. F.,
Deal, William,
Dougherty,
Dutton,
Elliott,
Fitler,
Ford,
Geiss.

Messrs. Hagner,
Harper,
Hassinger,
Henry,
Holman,
Horrocks,
Hubbard,
Iseminger,
Jackson,
Kelly,
Kershaw,
King,
Leech,
Lex,
Lindsay,
Mascher,
Mecutchen,
Melloy,
Miller,
Murphy,
McCleary,
McMakin,
McManus,
McNeal,
Northrop,
O'Neill,
Owen,

Messrs. Porter,	Messrs. Sorver,
Reed,	Stevenson,
Ridgway,	Vanhorn,
Robb,	Welsh,
Roberts, Spencer	Winship,
Schofield,	Wright,
Patterson, President.	

Mr. Mascher

Moved to dispense with the reading of the Journal.

Agreed to.

Mr. Kelly

Presented a petition from residents of the old District of Southwark, asking to be placed on an equality with the residents of other portions of the City in the price charged for Gas.

Mr. Porter,

One of like import.

Mr. Dutton,

One of like import.

Mr. Dougherty,

One of like import.

Which were referred to the Committee on Gas Works.

Mr. Miller,

One from owners of property in the Fifteenth Ward, asking that Wallace street, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets, may be paved.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Baird,

A Communication from Bender & Wright, asking for the privilege of using the end of Nicetown Lane on the river Schuylkill for the term of ten years, and of erecting within said time a substantial Wharf thereat.

Referred to the Committee on Wharves and Landings.

Mr. M. C. Brown,

One from Citizens of the Sixth Ward, calling for the removal of a Gas Lamp from Race street below Sixth.

Mr. Bremer,

One from the owners of property in the Eleventh Ward, asking that a Gas Lamp may be placed in Becker's Place, St. John street, between Wood and Callowhill streets.

Mr. Spencer Roberts,

One of like import from residents in the Twenty-second Ward, on Tulpehocken street, between Adams and Wayne streets.

Which were referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Northrop,

One from citizens of the Eighth Ward, asking for a Culvert at the corner of Twelfth and George streets.

Referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Mr. Bremer,

One from James McFadden, M. D., asking to be elected Vaccine Physician for the Twelfth Ward.

Mr. O'Neill

Two from Citizens asking for an increase of salary of Police officers of the City.

Which were laid on the table.

Also,

One from Edward L. Spain, asking for compensation for services rendered as Surveyor of the Nineteenth Ward.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

The President

Presented a Communication from the Receiver of Taxes submitting an estimate of the Appropriation required by that Department for the ensuing year.

Also,

A Petition from Persons employed by Charles Smith, Purveyor of the Water Works, asking remuneration for services rendered.

Which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

A Remonstrance from Citizens of the Twentieth Ward against the paving of Lewis street.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

The following Communication from the Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
January 8th, 1857.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN :

The following Ordinance and Joint Resolutions have been approved and signed, viz :

On the 31st ult., "An Ordinance to make an appropriation for certain paving and grading, and to transfer a certain item of appropriation."

On the 31st ult., "A Resolution changing item of appropriation in the Department of Receiver of Taxes."

On the 31st ult., "A Resolution to change a certain item of appropriation made to the Department of Highways."

On the 31st ult., "A Resolution instructing the Chief Engineer of the Water Department to report to Councils some means of providing a better supply of Water in the Southern part of the City.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Laid on the table.

Also,

The following communication from the City Treasurer:

CITY TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT,
January 8th, 1857.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN :

I have received the following "Resolution," transmitted to me by the Clerk of your honorable body, viz :

"Resolved, That the consideration of the report of the Special Committee, relative to the City Treasurer, be postponed until Thursday, January 8th, and that the City Treasurer be requested in the meantime to suggest how, or in what mode, he desires the investigation to be made, which he invites in his communication to the public."

I have but a few words to say in reply thereto:

When the report of the Committee, with the testimony taken before them, was spread before the Public, I did not choose to allow myself to be condemned by the community without a word of denial on my part, my communication was addressed to the Public, before whom the report and the testimony was paraded, and was not made to Council.

In reference to that communication, I find the following :

"As these points involve all that has been charged against me, in the report of the Committee and the proceedings thereof, I content myself with making a general denial of all charges or inferences that may have been contained in said report, in relation to my conduct, and would take this opportunity to invite, as I have heretofore done, the most rigid scrutiny of all the affairs of my office."

As to what I meant, by this language, I respectfully inform your honorable body that I had no peculiar "mode of investigation" in my mind at the time I wrote the communication, I meant then to say as I now say, I am ready to meet any investigation that Councils in their wisdom and sense of justice may require, if such mode be in conformity

with the Constitution and Laws of this Commonwealth, as also the Ordinances of Councils.

Respectfully,

F. KNOX MORTON,

City Treasurer.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Hagner,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

Submitted a report with a Resolution, referring the communication of Charles C. Wilson, late Commissioner of Markets, together with Certificates of the City Controller, to the City Solicitor, for such action as he may think proper. (Appendix No. 104.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Reported as committed, the amendments from Select Council, to "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay certain Judgments" with a recommendation to concur therein. (Appendix No. 105.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved that Common Council concur.

Agreed to.

Also,

Submitted a report with the following Bills, viz:

An Ordinance making appropriations for the expenses of the Police Department for 1857, and to pay claims incurred during the year 1856.

An Ordinance making appropriations to the County Prison for the year 1857.

An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Clerks of Councils, for the year 1857.

An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of the City Controller, for the year 1857.

An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of Health, for the expenses of that Department for the year 1857, and the payment of claims for the removal of nuisances in 1856.

An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the expenses of the Law Department for the year 1857.

An Ordinance to make an appropriation for furnishing gas, lighting and extinguishing the Public Lamps for 1857.

An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the use of the Trustees of the City Ice Boat, for the year 1857, and for the payment of Debts contracted by said Trustees without authority during the year 1856. (Appendix No. 106.)

Laid on the table.

Also,

Reported a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to merge the Department of Market Houses into the Department of City Property, giving the Department of City Property an additional Clerk and abolishing the Officers of Clerks of the Markets." (Appendix No. 107.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Mascher and Catherwood,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Barton, Bevan, Boller, Bremer, Bromley, Crease, Craven, J. F. Deal, Dougherty, Elliott, Fitler, Ford, Hagner, Holman, Horrocks, Kershaw, King, Leech,

Lex, Mecutchen, McCleary, Northrop, Owen, Robb, Spencer Roberts, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn and Patterson, Pres't.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Barber, Booth, M. C. Brown, Catherwood, Davis, William Deal, Dutton, Harper, Hassinger, Henry, Hubbard, Jackson, Kelly, Lindsay, Mascher, Melloy, Miller, Murphy, Mc Makin, McManus, O'Neill, Porter, Ridgway, Schofield, Winship and Wright.

Yeas 29. Nays 29.

Not agreed to.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Winship,

Chairman of the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department,

Submitted a report with a Resolution admitting the Independence Hose Company into the Fire Department. (Appendix No. 108.)

Mr. Fidler

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Not agreed to.

Also,

Presented a communication from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, reporting the Ringgold and Fairmount Hose Companies for a violation of Section 14, of the Ordinance organizing said Department.

Referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Henry

Moved to suspend the order of the day to consider the Ordinance from Select Council, "To make an appropriation for the use of the Girard College for Orphans, for the year 1857.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. O'Neill,

On leave granted,

Read in place a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to authorize the Mayor to offer a reward for the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons who cowardly assaulted and stabbed Joseph R. Clark, on the evening of the 24th, or the morning of the 25th of December last."

Laid on the table.

Mr. Craven

Offered the following:

Whereas, Peter Armbruster, Esq., Receiver of Taxes of the City of Philadelphia, hath published in a newspaper called the Daily Pennsylvanian, under date of the 5th of January, 1857, the names of persons represented as in arrears for Taxes, for the year 1856, and whereas, in said printed list appears the name of John R. Barton, as being in arrears for Taxes on a portion of his property, in the Sixth Ward, which he avers is not founded on facts,

Therefore Resolved, That the Finance Committee of this Chamber be instructed to inquire into all the facts connected with this transaction, and report the same to this Chamber at their next meeting.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Hagner

Offered the following:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be and they are hereby authorized and directed to examine the accounts

of the several Departments of the City Government, and that they have authority to send for persons and papers.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Schofield

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the services of the Cohocksink Hose Company be accepted and said Company be admitted into the Fire Department.

Mr. Schofield

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. Porter

Moved to amend by adding "the Moyamensing Hose Company."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Barber

Moved to amend by adding "the Independence Hose Company."

Not agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Butler,

Chairman of the Committee on Gas Works,

Submitted a report with "An Ordinance to authorize a loan for the purchase of the Gas Works of the Germantown Gas Company, the Richmond Gas Company, the Kensington Gas Company, the Northern Liberty Gas Company, the Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Companies and for the use of the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works. (Appendix No. 109.)

Mr. Mascher

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the Ordinance be published in two daily newspapers, daily for four weeks.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Vanhorn

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the Select Council be requested to appoint a Committee of Three, to act with the Joint Committee of this Chamber to verify the cash account of the City Treasurer.

Laid on the table.

Mr. McCleary

Offered the following :

Resolved, That an addition of four members be appointed to the Special Committee on the alleged abuses of the Treasurer, and proceed with the investigation as they may deem proper.

Mr. McCleary

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. Kelly

Moved to amend by striking out all after the word "Resolved," and insert the Resolutions offered by the Special Committee, in their report at the last meeting, viz :

"By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the District Attorney is hereby requested to institute such proceedings against the City Treasurer, for misdemeanor in office, as to him shall seem warranted by the testimony, recently adduced before a Committee of Common Council, and also against such other persons as he may discover have been concerned in

transactions connected with the Treasury Department that are discreditable to the City and contrary to law.

Resolved, That the City Solicitor is hereby requested to act in aid of the District Attorney in the commencement and prosecution of the said proceedings and to engage such other counsel as the Mayor of the City and himself may deem necessary to ensure a thorough and energetic prosecution of the same."

Mr. King

Moved to postpone the Resolution to enable him to offer the following :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that a Joint Select Committee of five members from each Chamber be appointed, for the purpose of inquiring whether any evils or abuses exist in the administration of the Office of the City Treasurer ; and whether the said Officer has been guilty of any impropriety, irregularity, or misdemeanor in office, and to that end may require the production of, and inspect all books, papers and accounts in the office of the said City Treasurer, and the attendance of witnesses by subpoena, and examine them under oath or affirmation,

And that Messrs. Leech, Booth, Elliott, Miller and Iseminger, shall be the Committee from this Chamber.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Ridgway

Moved to postpone the Resolution to enable him to offer the following :

Whereas, a special Committee of the Common Council did make report that the City Treasurer has been guilty of serious and flagrant malfeasance in office, in misapplying the public monies, and did further recommend that he, the Treasurer aforesaid, should be dealt with as in such case made and provided by Law : therefore be it

Resolved, the Select Council concurring, that a Joint Special Committee to consist of the members of the Commit-

tees on Law of each Chamber, respectively, be and hereby is appointed, whose duty it shall be to investigate and inquire into the character of said charges, and arrange and select the mode of trial to which the said City Treasurer shall be subjected; provided that said Committee shall first report to Councils, such mode or plan of proceeding, for their approval before action shall be had in the matter.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Northrop

Offered the following as a substitute for the amendment of Mr. Kelly.

“That the City Solicitor be requested to take such legal proceedings as he may deem necessary in relation to the alleged misconduct of the City Treasurer, and those implicated with him.”

Which was accepted by Mr. Kelly.

The question being on the motion of Mr. Kelly, to amend the Resolution offered by Mr. McCleary, by striking out all after the word “Resolved,” and inserting the substitute offered by Mr. Northrop,

It was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the Resolution of Mr. McCleary,

Mr. Leech

Moved to reconsider the vote by which Mr. Kelly's motion was negatived.

Agreed to.

The question recurring on Mr. Kelly's amendment, it was agreed to.

And the question being on the adoption of the Resolution as amended,

Mr. Owen

Moved to further amend, as follows :

“To act in conjunction with the Committee on Law, of this Chamber, whose consent shall be necessary to authorize any proceedings in the premises.”

Mr. Leech

Moved to amend the amendment, as follows : strike out the words “ whose consent shall be necessary.”

Not agreed to.

The amendment of Mr. Owen was not agreed to.

Mr. King

Moved to amend, as follows : strike out all after the word “ Resolved,” and insert

“ By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that a Joint Select Committee of five members of each Chamber, be appointed, for the purpose of inquiring whether any evils or abuses exist in the administration of the Office of the City Treasurer ; and whether the said Officer has been guilty of any impropriety, irregularity or misdemeanor in office, and to that end may require the production of, and inspect all books, papers and accounts in the office of the said City Treasurer, and the attendance of witnesses, by subpoena, and examine them under oath or affirmation,

And that Messrs. Leech, Booth, Elliott, Miller and Iseminger shall be the Committee from this Chamber.”

Mr. Kershaw

Moved to amend the amendment by striking out all after the word “ affirmation.”

Agreed to.

The amendment of Mr. King, as amended, was then agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the Resolution as amended.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Leech, and Kelly,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. A. J. Baker, Barber, Barton, Boller, Booth, Bromley, Benjamin H. Brown, Butler, Craven, Dougherty, Elliott, Ford, Hassinger, Henry, Hubbard, Ker-shaw, King, Lex, Mascher, McNeal, Owen, Reed, Ridg-way, Stevenson, Winship and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Bevan, Bremer, M. C. Brown, Catherwood, Crease, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dutton, Holman, Iseminger, Kelly, Leech, Mecutchen, Melloy, Miller, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, Northrop, Robb, Schofield, Sorver and Wright.

Yeas 26. Nays 24.

It was agreed to.

The President

Appointed Messrs. King, Winship, Lex, Northrop and M. C. Brown, the Committee.

Select Council,

Informed that they have passed the following :

Resolved, that Common Council be informed that this Chamber will meet them in convention on Thursday the 15th, of January at 5 P. M., for the purpose of electing two Directors for the North Pennsylvania Rail Road Company.

Mr. Mascher

Moved that Common Council concurs.

Agreed to.

Also,

That they have passed the following Bills, viz :

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of the City Treasury, for the year 1857.”

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay certain claims against the City.”

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Clerks of Councils, for the expenses of Councils and other purposes, for the year 1857.”

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of the City Controller, for the year 1857.”

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the expenses of the Law Department, for the year 1857.”

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the use of the Trustees of the City Ice Boat, for the year 1857.”

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation for Lighting, Extinguishing, Cleansing and Repairing the Public Lamps and for the erection of New Lamps, for the year 1857.”

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of the Receiver of Taxes, for the year 1857.”

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Surveys, for the year 1857.”

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Fire Department, for the year 1857.”

Which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

A Resolution “To grant the use of the Buttonwood street Station House to the Northern Chemical Infirmary.”

Referred to the Committee on City Property.

Also,

A Resolution “To request the Members of the Legislature to use their efforts to secure such Legislation as will allow certain Surveys in the Twenty-fourth Ward, to be done by the Board of Surveyors.”

Referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Also,

That they have concurred in the Resolution “To refer the communication of Charles S. Wilson, with certain statements of the City Controller, to the City Solicitor.”

The President

Presented the Annual Message from the Mayor. (Appendix No. 110.)

Mr. Mascher

Moved to dispense with the reading thereof.

Agreed to.

Also,

The following communication :

OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLERS OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
First School District of Pennsylvania.
Philadelphia, January 7th, 1857.

At a Meeting of the Controllers of Public Schools, First School District of Pennsylvania, held at the Controllers' Chamber, on Tuesday, December 30th, 1856, the following Preambles and Resolution were adopted :

Whereas, This Board of late have witnessed, with pleasure, the growing interest manifested by many of the Members of Councils, in our Public School System ; and

Whereas, The visitations of the Committee on Schools, of Councils, as such in the opinion of this Board, are productive of good, exciting a community of interest and sympathy, which is calculated to be mutually beneficial ; therefore

Resolved, That we cordially invite the Members of Councils to visit our Public Schools, privately or in an official capacity, whenever convenient, feeling assured that they will be at all times most heartily welcome.

R. J. HEMPHILL,
Secretary.

To the Members of Common Council,
Wm. C. Patterson, Esq., President.

Also,

The following :

OFFICE PENNSYLVANIA RAIL ROAD COMPANY
Philadelphia, December 30th, 1856.

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN :

I am instructed by the Directors of the Pennsylvania, Rail Road Company, to inform your honorable bodies, that at their meeting held on the 24th inst., the resignation of H. Haupt, Esq., as a Director of the Pennsylvania Rail Road Company, on the part of the City of Philadelphia, was presented to this Board and accepted, and that on the same day, John Robbins, Jr., Esq., recently chosen by Councils to serve as Director, from March 1857 to March 1858, was unanimously elected by the Board to fill the vacancy.

By Order of the Board,

EDMUND O. SMITH,
Secretary.

Which were laid on the table.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to adjourn,

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 15th, 1857.

Council met.

The President in the Chair.

Members present,

Messrs. Alexander,
Baird,
Baker, A. J.,
Baker, Abraham,
Barber,
Barton,
Bevan,
Boller,
Booth,
Boyle,
Bradford,
Bremer,
Bromley,
Brown, Benjamin H.
Brown, M. C.
Brownholtz,
Brouse,
Butler,
Catherwood,
Crease,
Craven,
Deal, J. F.,
Deal, William,
Dougherty,
Dutton,
Elliott,
Fitler,
Ford,

Messrs. Geiss,
Hagner,
Hassinger,
Henry,
Holman,
Horrocks,
Hubbard,
Iseminger,
Kelly,
King,
Lex,
Lindsay,¹
Marsh,
Martin,
Mascher,
Mecutchen,
Melloy,
Miller,
Monaghan,
Murphy,
McCleary,
McMakin,
McManus,
McNeal,
Northrop,
O'Neill,
Parker,
Porter,

Messrs. Ridgway,	Messrs. Stevenson,
Robb,	Vanhorn,
Roberts, Spencer,	Vogdes,
Schofield,	Welsh,
Snyder,	Winship,
Sorver,	Wright,
Patterson, President.	

The Clerk

Having commenced reading the minutes of the last stated meeting,

Mr. Baird

Moved to dispense with the further reading of the Journal.

Agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to suspend the order of the day, for the purpose of offering a Resolution "For the better regulation of the office of the Treasurer of the City of Philadelphia."

Mr. O'Neill

Called for a division of the motion.

The question being on the first division, viz: "To suspend the order of the day."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Stevenson and Welsh,

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Barber, Bevan, Bremer, Bromley, J. F. Deal, Hagner, Holman, Horrocks, Isenminger, Kelly, Lindsay, Miller, McMakin, O'Neill, Snyder, Sorver, Vogdes, Welsh and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Abra'm Baker, Barton, M. C. Brown, Brouse, Craven, Wm. Deal, Dutton, Elliott, Fitler, Ford, Geiss, Hassinger, Hubbard, Marsh, Mascher, Melloy,

Murphy, McCleary, McManus, McNeal, Porter, Ridgway, Spencer Roberts, Vanhorn, Winship and Wright.

Yeas 20. Nays 28.

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to suspend the order of the day to offer the following :

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance enquire into the expediency of taxing the personal property for City purposes, that is now assessed and taxed for State purposes in the City of Philadelphia, and report the same to Council.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Kelly

Presented a petition from Citizens of the late District of Southwark, asking for a reduction in the price of Gas.

Mr. Bevan,

One of like import from the same.

Which were referred to the Committee on Gas.

Mr. Miller,

One from Philip Quigley, asking for the payment of a Claim for building a Bridge over the Rail Road on Girard Avenue.

Mr. McCleary,

One from owners of property of the Nineteenth Ward, asking that Front Street between Harrison and Montgomery Streets, may be paved.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Winship,

A communication from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, reporting the Humane, Hand in Hand, and

Assistance Engine Companies, for breach of the Ordinance regulating the Fire Department.

Mr. Spencer Roberts,

A petition from the Columbia Engine Company, asking for a donation to enable them to build a new House.

Referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Also,

The annual report of the Managers of Wills Hospital. (Appendix No. 111.)

Mr. Booth,

A communication from Dr. Byron Hart, soliciting the appointment of Vaccine Physician for the Fourteenth Ward.

Mr. Barton,

A communication from the Chief and Assistant Engineers of the Fire Department, recommending the admission of the Northern Liberty Hose Company into said Department.

Mr. Mascher,

One of like import from Citizens of the Fourth Fire District.

Which were laid on the table.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the order of the day to offer the following:

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the services of the "Northern Liberty Hose Company" be accepted, and that they be admitted into the Fire Department.

Agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. Porter

Moved to amend by adding "the Moyamensing Hose Company."

Mr. Kelly

Moved to lay the amendment on the table.

Not agreed to.

The amendment was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the Resolution,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Kelly and Catherwood,

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. A. J. Baker, Barber, Barton, Booth, Bremer, Bromley, M. C. Brown, Brouse, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dutton, Fitler, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman, Hubbard, King, Marsh, Martin, Mascher, McCutchen, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Ridgway, Sorver, Stevenson, Vogdes, Welsh, Winship and Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Abraham Baker, Bevan, Boyle, Catherwood, Crease, Craven, Elliott, Ford, Henry, Horrocks, Iseminger, Kelly, Lex, Porter, Snyder, Vanhorn and Patterson, President.

Yeas 38. Nays 18.

It was agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to suspend the order of the day, for the purpose of offering a Resolution to admit the Independence Hose Company into the Fire Department.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Henry and Lex,

. And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Barber, M. C. Brown, Catherwood, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dutton, Fitler, Geiss, Hassinger, Holman, Martin, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, O'Neill, Vogdes, Welsh, Winship and Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Abraham Baker, Barton, Bevan, Booth, Boyle, Bradford, Bremer, Butler, Craven, Elliott, Ford, Henry, Horrocks, Iseminger, Kelly, Lex, Ridgway, Spencer Roberts, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn and Patterson, President.

Yeas 23. Nays 24.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Presented a communication from William Saffin, for an appropriation to pay expenses incurred as Keeper of the Debtors Apartment of the Moyamensing Prison in 1856.

Referred to the Committee on Prisons.

Mr. Lex

Presented a petition from owners of property on Vine Street, between Nineteenth Street and the River Schuylkill, asking for the construction of a Culvert.

Mr. Vogdes,

One of like import from owners of property on Chestnut and Moore Streets, West Philadelphia.

Also,

One from Citizens of the Twenty fourth Ward, asking that the grade of the City Avenue, between the Lancaster Pike and Belmont Avenue be duly fixed.

Which were referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

The President

Presented the following from the Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
January 15th, 1857.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN :—

The following Ordinance has been approved and
signed, viz :

On the 12th inst., "An Ordinance to make an appro-
priation to pay certain Judgments."

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,
Mayor of Philadelphia.

Laid on the table.

Also,

A petition from Charles Thompson, asking a compen-
sation for damages sustained by himself and wagon, in con-
sequence of the bad condition of Broad street, near the
Rising Sun Road.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

A communication from the Controllors of Public Schools,
asking for an appropriation for the Normal School.

Referred to the Committee on Schools.

Mr. Hagner,

Chairman of the committee on Finance,

Submitted a report with the following Bills, viz :

An Ordinance to make appropriations to the Depart-
ment of Trusts and Fire Department, for the year 1857,
and to pay certain claims incurred during the year 1856.

An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Depart-
ment of City Commissioners, to meet the expenses of that
Department, for the year 1857.

An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department for Supplying the City with Water, for the year 1857, and to pay debts contracted in previous years.

An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of the Receiver of Taxes for the year 1857. (Appendix No. 112.)

Laid on the table.

Also,

A report with a Bill entitled "An Ordinance establishing the manner in which certain Supplies for the City shall hereafter be procured." (Appendix No. 113.)

Laid on the table.

Select Council

Informed Common Council that they have non-concurred in the amendments of Common Council to the Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of City Commissioners, for the purpose of paying the salaries and other expenses incident to assessments and expenses of elections in October and November, 1856.

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the order of the day to proceed to the consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. Hagner

Moved that Common Council insist on their amendments.

Agreed to.

Mr. Winship,

Chairman of the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department,

Submitted a report with "An Ordinance to make appropriations out of certain Trust Funds to the Superintendent

of Trusts for the purpose therein named." (Appendix No. 114.)

Mr. Winship

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

The Bill was ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Also,

Submitted a report with "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Superintendent of Trusts for the purposes therein mentioned." (Appendix No. 115.)

Mr. Winship

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Ordinance.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to,

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Also,*

Submitted a report with an Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of Managers of Wills Hospital, for the use of said Hospital for the year 1857. (Appendix No. 116.)

Also,

The estimate of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, of the amount of appropriation required for the year 1857.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Northrop,

Chairman of the Committee on Surveys and Regulations,

Submitted a report with an Ordinance to authorize the construction of a certain culvert or drain on the line of Twelfth street, from Walnut to George streets, in the Eighth Ward. (Appendix No. 117.)

Mr. Northrop

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Also,

Reported as committed the Resolution from Select Council relative to the construction of an Inlet at Market and Letitia streets, with a recommendation that it be adopted. (Appendix No. 118.)

Mr. Northrop

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Submitted a report with "An Ordinance to authorize the construction of a certain culvert or drain on the lines of Willow and Locust streets in the Eighth Ward." (Appendix No. 119.)

Mr. Northrop

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Sorver,

Chairman of the Committee on Claims,

To which was referred the claims of the Delaware Coal Company and Margaretta S. Wetherill, for over paid taxes, submitted a report adverse to the payment of the same, with a Resolution to send a copy of report to the Receiver of Taxes and to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 120.)

Mr. Sorver

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A report in favor of paying the claims of Jonathan Mather, for Ground Rent and Interest, and Messrs. Hancock and Fox, for Bricks furnished the Highway Depart-

ment, and recommend the reference of the same to the Committee on Finance, to be embodied in an Ordinance for that purpose, with a Resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 121.)

Mr. Sorver

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

And Bills so referred.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to suspend the order of the day to proceed to the consideration of the Resolution to admit the Independence Hose Company into the Fire Department.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Lex and Ford,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, A. J. Baker, Barber, Benjamin H. Brown, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Butler, Craven, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dutton, Fidler, Geiss, Holman, Martin, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McNeal, O'Neill, Ridgway, Schofield, Sorver, Welsh and Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Barton, Bevan, Bol-ler, Booth, Boyle, Bremer, Brouse, Crease, Dougherty, Elliott, Ford, Hagner, Henry, Horrocks, Hubbard, Kelly, King, Lex, Marsh, Northrop, Parker, Robb, Spencer Rob-erts, Vanhorn and Wright.

Yeas 30. Nays 26.

Not agreed to.

Mr. King

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the City Controller has not faithfully discharged the duties of his office, because he has not made

a report to the City Councils of the public accounts of the City and of the Trusts in their care in accordance with the provisions of the Eighth Section of the Ordinance of July 25, 1854. And that he be and he is hereby required without further delay to comply with the law in this matter and give to Councils any reason or excuse he may have justifying his neglect as aforesaid.

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. McCleary

Moved to postpone the consideration of the same for one week.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. King and Barber,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barton, Bevan, Booth, Bremer, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Butler, Catherwood, Crease, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Fitler, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Hubbard, Iseminger, Lex, Martin, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McNeal, Northrop, Ridgway, Robb, Schofield, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Welsh, Winship and Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Barber, Boller, Boyle, Benjamin H. Brown, Craven, Ford, Kelly, King and Spencer Roberts.

Yeas 50. Nays 9.

Agreed to.

Mr. McMakin

Moved to suspend the order of the day to proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 46, Common Council File, supplementary to an Ordinance approved October 19th, 1854, establishing the Department of Market Houses.

Mr. Stevenson

Called for a division of the motion.

The question being on the first division, viz: "to suspend the rules."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker and McMakin,

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS.—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Barton, Bevan, M. C. Brown, Brouse, Catherwood, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dutton, Fitler, Hassinger, Henry, Hubbard, Kelly, King, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Miller, Monaghan, Murphy, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Northrop, O'Neill, Ridgway, Robb, Spencer Roberts, Schofield and Wright.

NAYS.—Messrs. Abr'm Baker, Barber, Boller, Booth, Boyle, Bromley, Brownholtz, Craven, Dougherty, Ford, Geiss, Hagner, Iseminger, Mecutchen, McCleary, Parker, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn and Welsh.

Yeas 32. Nays 21.

It was not agreed to.

The Officers and Members of the Select Council were introduced.

Councils being assembled in Convention,

The President

Stated the object thereof to be the election of two persons to serve as Directors of the North Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

The Clerks acting as Tellers, reported that 69 votes were cast, of which,

Select Council,

Messrs. Ashton, Beideman, Cuyler, Frailey, Gamble, Hagner, Higgins, Kline, Marselis, M'Cay, Mott, Roberts, Taylor, Williams and Wharton, President,

15, voted for Charles W. Warnick and William L. Hirst

Common Council,

Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barton, Bevan, Bradford, Bremer, Bromley, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Butler, Catherwood, Crease, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Fitler, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Kelly, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Northrop, Porter, Robb, Schofield, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Welsh, Winship and Wright.

50, voted for Charles W. Warnick William L. Hirst.

In all, 65 votes.

Select Council,

Mr. Cornman,

1, voted for Harry Conrad and Robert V. Massey.

Common Council,

Mr. Barber,

1, voted for Harry Conrad, and Robert V. Massey.

In all, 2 votes.

Select Council,

Mr. Perkins,

1, voted for Charles W. Warnick and Edward T. Mott.

Select Council,

Messrs. Verree and Wainwright,

2, voted for Charles W. Warnick and Robt. V. Massey.

Common Council,

Messrs. Booth, B. H. Brown, Craven, King, Parker, Reed and Spencer Roberts.

7, voted for Charles W. Warnick and Robert V. Massey.

In all, 9 votes.

Common Council,

Mr. Hubbard,

1, voted for Charles W. Warnick and Harry Conrad.

Common Council,

Mr. O'Neill,

1, voted for William L. Hirst.

Common Council,

Mr. Ridgway,

1, voted for Harry Conrad and William M. Levick.

Charles W. Warnick and William L. Hirst, having received a majority of the votes cast, were declared duly elected to serve as Directors of the North Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

The President

Announced the result of the meeting in Convention.

The Convention then adjourned, and Select Council retired.

Mr. Mascher

Offered the following :

Resolved, That that portion of the Mayor's Message relating to the re-numbering of houses be referred to a Special Committee of three.

Read twice and adopted.

The President,

Appointed Messrs. Mascher, Martin and Barber, the Committee.

Mr. Parker,

Offered the following:

Whereas, James M. Leddy, one of the City Commissioners, elected in May, 1856, and sworn into office in October, 1856, the salary of said Commissioner when elected being \$1250 per annum: And whereas the said James M. Leddy. has drawn his salary for the months of November and December, 1856, at the rate of \$1750 per [an-

num, and said warrants were countersigned by Stephen Taylor, City Controller, therefore

Resolved, That the Committee of Finance examine into the matter, and report the facts to this Council.

Mr. Parker

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker and Barber,

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Abraham Baker, Barber, Barton, Bevan, Booth, Boyle, Bradford, Bremer, Bromley, Benjamin H. Brown, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Butler, Catherwood, Crease, Craven, William Deal, Dutton, Elliott, Fitler, Ford, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Hubbard, Iseminger, Kelly, King, Lindsay, Marsh, Mascher, McCutchen, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McNeal, Northrop, O'Neal, Parker, Porter, Ridgway, Robb, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorne, Welsh, Winship and Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. A. J. Baker and Martin.

Yeas 55. Nays 2.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. McMakin

Offered the following:

Resolved, By the Select and Common Council of the City of Philadelphia, that on and after March 1st, 1857, all Warrants audited and countersigned by the City Controller, be taken in payment for City Taxes.

Mr. McMakin

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Moved to refer the Resolution to the Committee on Finance.

Agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Offered the following :

Resolved, That when Common Council adjourns it be to meet again on Tuesday next, 20th inst. at 3 o'clock P. M.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Miller,

On leave granted read in place a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to authorize a temporary loan to meet the demands upon the Treasury." (Appendix No. 122.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. Parker

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the Bill and that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Agreed to.

Mr. Winship,

On leave granted,

Presented the Annual Report of the Superintendent of Trusts. (Appendix No. 123.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. Holman

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the sessions of this Council be extended to 9 P. M., until after the passage of the Annual Appropriation Bills, and the Tax for the year 1857, be levied.

Mr. Holman

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Moved to amend as follows :

Strike out all after the word " Resolved " and insert " That an adjourned session of this Council, shall be held on Tuesday, next at 3 o'clock, P. M."

Not agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the Resolution,
It was not agreed to.

Mr. Holman

Moved that the appropriation Bills be made the order of the day for next Thursday, 22d inst.

Agreed to.

Select Council,

Informed Common Council that they insist in non-concurring in the Amendments of Common Council, to the Bill passed by Select Council, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of City Commissioners, for the purpose of paying Salaries and other expenses incident to Assessments and expenses of Elections in October and November, for the year 1856."

And have appointed a Committee of Conference, consisting of Messrs. Beideman, Cornman and Wainwright.

Whereupon,

The President

Appointed, upon the part of Common Council, Messrs. Hagner, King and Miller, a similar Committee.

Also,

Informed Common Council that they have passed a Bill entitled an Ordinance to make an appropriation out of

the income of the Girard Estates, for the purposes therein mentioned.

Referred to the Committee on Girard Estates.

Also,

A Resolution to discontinue the office of Superintendent of the Petit Jury Rooms.

Referred to the Committee on City Property.

Also,

A Resolution to approve the contract entered into by the Chief Commissioner of Highways, with George Cubler, for building the wing walls at Girard Avenue Bridge.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

A Bill entitled an Ordinance to provide for the payment of the claim of Henry T. Grout.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Also,

A Resolution for the appointment of a Joint Special Committee to meet a Committee of Merchants in reference to the removal of the Markets in Market street, &c.

Also,

That they have concurred in the Resolution to admit the Northern Liberty Hose Company into the Fire Department; and in the Ordinance to change the boundary lines of the Fourth Division of the First Ward, and to create an additional Division in said Ward and to establish a place of voting in said additional Division.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 22d, 1857.

Council met.

The President in the Chair.

Members present,

Messrs. Alexander,

Baird,

Baker, A. J.

Baker, Abraham,

Barber,

Barton,

Bevan,

Boller,

Booth,

Borie,

Boyle,

Bradford,

Bremer,

Bromley,

Brown, M. C.

Brownholtz,

Butler,

Catherwood,

Craven,

Davis,

Deal, J. F.,

Deal, William,

Dougherty,

Dutton,

Elliott,

Fitler,

Ford,

Hagner,

Messrs. Harper,

Hassinger,

Henry,

Holman,

Hubbard,

Iseminger,

Jackson,

Kelly,

King,

Leech,

Lex,

Lindsay,

Mascher,

Mecutchen,

Melloy,

Mickle,

Miller,

Monaghan,

McCleary,

McMakin,

McManus,

McNeal,

O'Neill,

Owen,

Parker,

Porter,

Reed,

Robb,

Messrs. Roberts, Spencer,	Messrs. Vanhorn,
Roberts, T. J.,	Vogdes,
Slocum,	Welsh,
Sorver,	Winship,
Stevenson,	Wright,
Patterson, President.	

The Clerk,

Having commenced reading the minutes of the last stated meeting,

Mr. Mascher

Moved to dispense with the further reading of the Journal.

Agreed to.

Mr. Alexander,

On leave granted, offered the following:

Resolved, That the Police Committee be instructed to locate Lamps at the following named places, viz: one at the corner of Denmark and Treller streets, First Ward, one in Bedford street below Seventh, in front of the Methodist Church, Fourth Ward, one in Reed street below Second, in front of the Shiffler Hose House, First Ward.

Referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Kelly

Presented a petition from Citizens residing in the old District of Southwark, asking for a reduction in the price of Gas.

Referred to the Committee on Gas Works.

Mr. Winship

Presented the annual report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department. (Appendix No. 124.)

Mr. Winship

Moved to dispense with the reading thereof, and that five hundred copies be printed for the use of members.

Agreed to.

Mr. Catherwood

Presented a communication from Isaac B. Munn, M. D., asking to be appointed Vaccine Physician for the Sixth Ward.

Also,

One of like import from E. D. Spooner, M. D.

Mr. Elliott,

A communication from Samuel L. Hibbs, Assessor of Ninth Ward, asking for the appointment of a Committee to investigate a charge made against him for certain alterations of the Assessors Book of said Ward.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Mascher

Presented Bills from Messrs. Hoffinan and Morwitz, for publishing Sheriff's proclamation for Elections, in October and November 1856.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Craven,

A petition from the "Building Exchange Company," asking for the use of a Room in the Building occupied by the Agent of the Girard Estates, Fifth above Chestnut.

Referred to the Committee on Girard Estates.

The President

Presented the Annual Report of the Chief Engineer of the Department for supplying the City with Water.
(Appendix No. 125.)

Mr. Catherwood

Moved to dispense with the reading thereof, and that two hundred and fifty copies be printed for the use of members.

Mr. Owen

Moved to amend by striking out "250," and inserting "500."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to amend by adding "and also 250 copies of the Mayors Annual Message."

Mr. Abraham Baker

Moved to lay the amendments on the table.

Not agreed to.

The question being on the amendment of Mr. Mascher,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Leech and Mascher,

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Booth, Bradford, Dougherty, Hassinger, Holman, Hubbard, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, King, Leech, Lindsay, Mascher, Miller, Mc Makin, Owen, Porter, Spencer Roberts, Vogdes, Welsh, Winship and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Barton, Boller, Bremer, Brownholtz, Catherwood, Craven, Davis, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dutton, Elliot, Fitler, Ford, Hagner, Metchen, Melloy, McCleary, O'Neill, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Slocum, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn and Wright.

Yeas 24. Nays 26.

It was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion of Mr. Catherwood,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to reconsider the vote, by which Council postponed the reading of the report of the Chief Engineer of

the Fire Department, and ordered five hundred copies to be printed.

Agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to lay on the table the motion of Mr. Winship, to print five hundred copies of the said report.

Not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion of Mr. Winship.

It was not agreed to.

The President

Presented a communication from the Board of Health, notifying Council of the resignation of R. A. Gorbutt, member from the second Ward.

Also,

The annual report of the City Controller. (Appendix No. 126.)

Which were laid on the table.

Mr. Hagner,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

Submitted a report with an Ordinance "To provide for the payment of State Taxes received by the City Treasurer, on property in the City of Philadelphia for account of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania." (Appendix No. 127.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Also,

A report with the following Bill, viz: An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of City Property.

An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of the City Treasury.

An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of Guardians of the Poor. (Appendix No. 128.)

Laid on the table.

Also.

Reported as committed the Bill from Select Council "To make an appropriation to the Department of Market Houses, for the expenses thereof, and for the care and management of the Wharves and Landings, belonging to the City, for the year 1857." (Appendix No. 129.)

Laid on the table.

Also,

Submitted a report with a Resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the Resolution instructing the committee on Finance to inquire into certain facts in relation to Advertising Delinquent Tax Payers. (Appendix No. 130.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Submitted a report with a Resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the "Resolution to enquire into and report in the case of an over-payment to James M. Leddy, City Commissioner." (Appendix No. 131.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Reported as committed the Resolution from Select Council, "To release from the lien of a mortgage, certain property in Manayunk." (Appendix No. 132.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. T. J. Roberts

Moved to suspend the order of the day, to proceed to the consideration of the Resolution, Appendix No. 101, granting the use of a Room in Spring Garden Hall to the Wagner Free Institute of Science.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Hubbard and Elliott,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. A. J. Baker, Barton, Boller, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Catherwood, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Hassinger, Kelly, Lex, Melloy, Monaghan, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, O'Neill, Owen, Porter, Robb, Schofield, Slocum, Sorver, Welsh, Winship and Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Barber, Booth, Borie, Bradford, Bremer, Craven, Davis, J. F. Deal, Fitler, Harper, Henry, Holman, Hubbard, Isenminger, King, Leech,

Mascher, Mecutchen, Miller, McNeal, Spencer Roberts, Vogdes and Patterson, President.

Yeas 28. Nays 24.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Owen,

Chairman of the Committee on Schools,

Submitted a report with "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of Controllers of the Public Schools. (Appendix No. 133.)

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Baird,

Chairman of the Committee on Wharves and Landings,

Presented the Annual Report of the Commissioner of Market Houses, and Wharves and Landings. (Appendix No. 134.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. Miller

From the Committee of Conference appointed on the amendments of Common Council to Select Council Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of the City Commissioners for the purpose of paying salaries, and other expenses incident to assessments, and for expenses of elections in October and November, 1856," submitted a report, recommending the adoption of certain amendments. (Appendix No. 135.)

Mr. Miller

Moved that the report be adopted.]

Agreed to.

Mr. Miller,

Chairman of the Committee on Highways,

Reported as committed the estimate of appropriation required by that Department, for the year 1857.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. T. J. Roberts

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Ordinance, Appendix No. 103, providing for the Claim of George M. Freeman.

Mr. Abraham Baker

Called for the order of the day.

Mr. Kelly

Offered the following :

Resolved, That when this Council adjourns, it be to meet again on Monday Afternoon, the 26th inst., at 2 o'clock, for the purpose of considering the Annual Appropriation Bills.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Porter

Offered the following :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils, that the Highway Department be and they are hereby directed to have the gutters and inlets opened, and the snow taken out of the small streets and alleys, so that they may be passable.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Leech

Moved to suspend the order of the day, to proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 47, Common Council File, "To make an appropriation to pay certain bills for copying and arranging Records and Papers in the Office of the Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Boyle

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the Committee on Police be and they are hereby instructed to inquire into the expediency of di-

viding the police force, making a day and night force, the day police to attend to the preservation of the public peace in day time, and to attend all fires, the night force to be established after the manner of the old loud watch, as it existed in the Old City Proper and Districts, some time previous to Consolidation, and report the same to Council.

Mr. Boyle

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

On leave granted,

Read in place a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to repeal an Ordinance approved May 2d, A. D. 1856, entitled an Ordinance providing for the care and management of the City Steam Fire Engine, Young America." (Appendix No. 136.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. McManus

Offered the following :

Resolved, That with a view of reducing the expenses of watching, cleaning and attendance upon the City Building, Fifth street below Walnut, the Committee on City Property be instructed to make enquiry as to the present "attendance and watching," by the four persons now employed, the cost thereof, and also to examine the Buildings and report their views upon the expediency of placing said Building in charge of one Janitor to reside upon the premises.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. O'Neill

Offered the following :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Council of the City of Philadelphia, that the services of the Independence Hose Company be accepted, and that they be admitted into the Fire Department.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker and Sorver,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Barber, Barton, Booth, Bremer, Bromley, Brownholtz, Butler, Catherwood, Craven, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dutton, Fidler, Harper, Hassinger, Holman, Hubbard, Lindsay, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Mickle, Monaghan, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Owen, T. J. Roberts, Slocum, Sorver, Stevenson, Vogdes, Welsh, Winship and Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Borie, Boyle, Ford, Henry, Kelly, King, Lex, Parker, Robb, Spencer Roberts, Vanhorn and Patterson, President.

Yeas 39. Nays 13.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. T. J. Roberts

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Ordinance to provide for the payment of the claim of George M. Freeman.

Agreed to.

Mr. Baker

Moved to lay the Bill on the table.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Booth and Roberts,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Boller, Brownholtz, Catherwood, J. F. Deal and Slocum.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, A. J. Baker, Barber, Barton, Booth, Boyle, Bromley, Butler, Craven, William Deal, Dutton, Ford, Hagner, Harper, Hassinger, Henry, Kelly, King, Leech, Lex, Lindsay, Mecutchen, Melloy, Mickle, Miller, McNeal, Owen, Robb, Spencer Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Welsh, Wright and Patterson, President.

Yeas 6. Nays 36.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Boyle

Moved to refer the Bill to the Committee on Claims.

Not agreed to.

The First Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Council proceeded to the order of the day, viz: consideration of Bill No. 52, Common Council File, entitled an Ordinance to make an appropriation for the use of the City Ice Boat for the year 1857, and for the payment of debts contracted by said Trustees without authority during the year 1856.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

Mr. Parker

Moved to reconsider the vote by which the Second Section was adopted.

Agreed to.

Mr. Baird

Moved to amend the Section by striking out the words, "To pay debts contracted by said Trustees without authority in the year 1856."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Moved that the Ordinance be referred to a Special Committee, with instructions to report an Ordinance providing for the payment of the expenses heretofore incurred and for donating the Ice Boat to the Board of Trade or any other Association of Merchants.

Mr. Parker

Moved to amend, by adding "and Mechanics," after the word "Merchants."

Not agreed to.

The motion of Mr. Miller was not agreed to.

The Second Section was then agreed to.

The Third Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Council proceeded to the consideration of Bill No 53, Common Council File, entitled an Ordinance to make an appropriation for the expenses of the Law Department, for the year 1857.

The First Section being read,

Mr. Miller

Moved to strike out Item No. 13, "For professional services of William B. Reed, in the case of George M. Hill, (two hundred and fifty dollars.)"

Agreed to.

The Section as amended was agreed to.

The Second Section was agreed to.

Mr. Abraham Baker

Moved to re-consider the vote by which the First Section was adopted.

Agreed to.

Mr. Abraham Baker

Moved to strike out "seven hundred and thirty," and insert "four hundred and eighty."

Agreed to.

The Section as amended was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Council proceeded to the consideration of Bill No. 54, Common Council File, entitled an Ordinance to make an appropriation for Furnishing Gas, Lighting, Extinguishing, Cleansing, and repairing the Public Lamps for 1857.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Council proceeded to the consideration of Bill No. 55, Common Council File, entitled an Ordinance "to make an appropriation to the Clerks of Councils."

The First Section being read.

Mr. Kelly

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the Bill for the present.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Kelly

Moved to make the Bill the order of the day for Thursday next, the 29th inst.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Henry

Moved to amend by striking out of Item 9, "four thousand five hundred dollars," and insert "two thousand five hundred dollars."

Mr. Holman

Moved to lay the Bill on the table

Agreed to.}

Council proceeded to the consideration of the Bill No. 56, Common Council File, entitled an Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of the City Controller for the year 1857.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Council proceeded to the consideration of Bill No. 57, Common Council File, entitled an Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Inspectors of the County Prison for the year 1857.

The First Section being read.

Mr. McCleary

Moved to strike out of Item 25, "one thousand," and insert "eight hundred and fifty."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Henry and O'Neill,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Barber, M. C. Brown, Catherwood, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Iseminger, Lindsay, Mascher, McCleary, McMakin, Porter, Robb, Sorver and Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Bevan, Boller, Booth, Boyle, Bromley, Craven, J. F. Deal, Ford, Hagner, Haslinger, Henry, Lex, Melloy and Patterson, President.

Yeas 19. Nays 15.

Not agreed to.

The President

Presented the following communication from the Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
January 22d, 1857.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :—

The following Ordinance has been approved and signed
viz :

On the 22d inst., An Ordinance to change the boundary lines of the Fourth Division of the First Ward, and to create an additional Division in said Ward, and to establish a place of voting in said additional division.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Select Council,

Informed Common Council that they have passed a Bill entitled “ An Ordinance to provide for the settlement of Claims for Water Pipe in that portion of the City of Philadelphia, formerly called the District of West Philadelphia.”

Referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Also,

An Ordinance to prohibit the sale of Game when out of season.

Also,

A Bill entitled "An Ordinance defining the boundaries of the Election Divisions of the Twentieth Ward."

Which were referred to the Committee on Law.

Also,

That they have concurred in the Bill from Common Council, entitled an Ordinance to authorize the construction of a certain Culvert.

Also,

In the Bill from Common Council, entitled an Ordinance to provide for the payment of State Taxes received by the City Treasurer on property in the City of Philadelphia, for account of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Porter

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, January 26th, 1857.

Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the Chair.

Members present,

Messrs. Alexander,
Baird,
Baker, Abraham,
Barber,
Barton,
Bevan,
Booth,
Bradford,
Bromley,
Brown, M. C.
Craven,
Deal, J. F.,
Deal, William,
Dougherty,
Elliott,
Fitler,
Ford,
Geiss,
Hagner,
Hassinger,
Henry,
Holman,
Hubbard,
Jackson,
Kelly,

Messrs. Kershaw,
King,
Lex,
Mascher,
Miller,
McCleary,
McMakin,
McManus,
McNeal,
Northrop,
O'Neill,
Parker,
Porter,
Ridgway,
Robb,
Roberts, T. J.
Schofield,
Slocum,
Sorver,
Stevenson,
Vanhorn,
Welsh,
Winship,
Wright,
Patterson, President.

The consideration of the First Section of Bill No. 57, Common Council File, "To make an appropriation to the Inspectors of the County Prison, for the year 1857," being resumed,

Mr. McCleary

Withdrew the motion to strike out of Item 25, the sum of \$1000, and insert \$ 850.

Mr. Miller

Moved to strike out of same Item "\$ 1000," and insert "750."

Not agreed to.

Mr. McCleary,

Renewed his motion to strike out of Item 25, the sum of "\$ 1000," and insert "\$ 850."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. McCleary and Stevenson,

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, M. C. Brown, Wm. Deal, Elliott, Fitler, Geiss, King, Miller, McCleary, McMakin, Porter, Robb, Sorver and Stevenson.

NAYS—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Barber, Barton, Bevan, Booth, Boyle, Bradford, Bromley, Craven, J. F. Deal, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Hubbard, Kelly, Kershaw, Lex, Mascher, McManus, McNeil, Owen, Ridgway, Schofield, Vanhorn, Welsh, Wright and Patterson, President.

Yeas 15. Nays 29.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to amend by adding at the end of the Section, the following "Item XLV, for subsistence of Debtor's Apartment for the Deficiency of the year 1856, \$ 104,92,

Item XLVI, for lighting the Debtor's Apartment for the year 1856, \$ 100."

Agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to strike out of Item 1, line, "\$ 12,400," and insert "10,400."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to strike out of Item 2, line "12,300," and insert "\$ 10,300."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to strike out in Item 4, line 10, "\$ 1750," and insert "\$ 1050."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Booth

Called the previous question and was sustained in the call, by the following members rising, to wit:

Messrs. Mascher, Welsh, Hagner, M. C. Brown, Wright, Fitler, Kelly, Borie, O'Neill, Schofield, Bromley, and Hubbard.

And the question being "shall the main question be now put?"

It was agreed to.

The main question being on the adoption of the First Section,

It was agreed to.

The Second Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And on the motion to proceed to the third reading of the Bill,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Stevenson and Parker,

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Abraham Baker, Barton, Bevan, Boller, Booth, Borie, Boyle, Bradford, Bromley, M. C. Brown, Craven, Elliot, Fitler, Ford, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Hubbard, Jackson, Kelly, King, Mascher, Miller, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Owen, Ridgway, Schofield, Slocum, Sorver, Vanhorn, Welsh, Winship, Wright and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Barber and Stevenson.

Yeas 43. Nays 2.

It was agreed to.

The Bill was then read a third time and passed.

Mr. Barton

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 45, Select Council File, "To make an appropriation out of the Income of the Girard Estate for the purposes therein mentioned."

Agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration,

Mr. Henry

Moved to strike out in the second line the word "three" and insert "four."

Agreed to.

Mr. Henry

Moved to strike out of the 16th line, Item 10, "\$1000" and insert "\$1100."

Agreed to.

The First Section as amended was agreed to.

The Second Section being under consideration,

Mr. Baker

Moved to add to the end of the Section as follows:—
“When Councils shall authorize the same by Ordinance.”

Agreed to.

The Section as amended was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Northrop,

On leave granted,

Presented a petition from John Notman, asking remuneration for Plans, Drawings, Designs, &c., furnished the County Board of 1845 and 1846.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

The President

Presented the following communication from the City Solicitor.

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE,
Philadelphia, January 26, 1857.

To the Common Council of the City
of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :

On looking over the list of Sheriff's Sales for the first Monday of February next, I perceive a lot advertized in the name of Andrews, and to be sold upon a judgment for arrears of ground rent. As this lot forms a portion of the property, said to have been purchased by Mr. Brown for the city for a market site, I deem it my duty to call the attention of your body to the matter, as such a sale might divest whatever title the city may claim therein, and may therefore call for prompt action on the subject.

Very Respectfully,

WM. A. PORTER,
City Solicitor.

Referred to the Committee on Law.

Also,

The following communications from the Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
January 26th, 1857.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN :—

The following Ordinance has been approved and signed, viz :

On the 26th inst., An Ordinance to authorize the construction of a certain Culvert.

Respectfully,
RICHARD VAUX,
Mayor of Philadelphia.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
Philadelphia, January 26, 1857.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN :

An Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance to provide for the payment of State Taxes, received by the City Treasurer, on property in the City of Philadelphia, for account of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,” has been presented for approval.

By the Second Section of said Ordinance it is provided “that Warrants for the payment of the said Taxes, collected and paid into the Treasury as aforesaid, shall be drawn by the City Treasurer, on the 25th day of January, 1857, in the manner and form and with the requisites set forth in the existing Ordinances, relating to the drawing of Warrants for the payment of money from the City Treasury.”

It will be seen that the day fixed for the official act of the City Treasurer, in drawing the Warrants provided by the said section, was Sunday January 25th, 1857.

I am not aware of the power in the Councils, to make that legal by Ordinance, which the law declares void.

The Ordinance having fixed a day which is impossible, another must designated.

For this reason I return the Ordinance without my approval.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Which was read,

And on the question, "shall the Bill pass notwithstanding the Mayors Veto."

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Hagner,

On leave granted,

Read in place a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the payment of the State Taxes received by the City Treasurer, on property in the City of Philadelphia for account of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania."

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Bill No. 58, Common Council File, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of Health for the expenses of that Department for the year 1857, and for the removal of nuisances in 1856," being under consideration.

Mr. Parker

Moved to strike out line 59, Item 38, Section 1, to wit :
"Salaries of Collectors of Vaccine Cases, \$1200."

Agreed to.

The First Section as amended was agreed to.

The Second and Third Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Owen

Offered the following :

Resolved, That when Common Council adjourns it shall be to meet on Wednesday, January 28th, 1857, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. Owen

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

Bill No. 59, Common Council File, "to make an appropriation to the Police Department for the year 1857, and to pay certain claims for expenses incurred during the year 1856, being under consideration,

Mr. Bradford

Moved to strike out all after the enacting clause and insert, the Bill No. 34, Select Council File, "to make an appropriation for the Police Department for the year 1857, and to pay certain deficiencies on account of the appropriation of 1856.

The Bill being read,

Mr. Parker

Moved to amend by striking out in the First Item of Section 1, the amount of "\$372,000" and inserting "\$272,000."

Not agreed to.

The amendment of Mr. Bradford was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the First Section of Common Council Bill.

Mr. Barber

Moved to strike out of Item 1, line 10, the amount \$292,76, and insert \$344,29.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Winship

Moved to strike out in the 54th line, the word "satisfactory."

Not agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to amend by adding in the 39th line, Item 6, between the words "for" and "arrests" the words "Rewards for the" and also, strike out in second line the amount "\$1,000" and insert "\$3,000."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. O'Neill and Holman,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, A. J. Baker, Barton, Bevan, Booth, Craven, Hassinger, Holman, Kelly, O'Neill, Parker, Porter and Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Boller, Boyle, M. C. Brown, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dutton, Elliott, Fitler, Hagner, Henry, Iseminger, Lex, Mascher, Miller, McMakin

McManus, Northrop, Robb, Sorver, Wright and Patterson,
President.

Yeas 13. Nays 22.

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Parker

Moved to adjourn.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved a call of the House.

Mr. Miller

Moved to lay the call on the table.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to adjourn.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. O'Neill
and Barber,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Bevan, Boller, M. C. Brown, J. F.
Deal, Dougherty, Elliot, Kelly, O'Neill, Parker and
Stevenson.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, A. J. Baker, Abr'm Baker,
Barton, Boyle, Craven, William Deal, Dutton, Hagner,
Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Iseminger, Lex, Mascher,
Miller, McMakin, McManus, Northrop, Porter, Robb, Sor-
ver, Winship, Wright and Patterson, President. .

Yeas 10. Nays 25.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Winship

Moved to amend as follows, "to add at the end of the
Bill Item 6½ for Ice for Station Houses \$350."

Mr. Mascher

Moved to amend the amendment by inserting after the word "Ice" the words "and Brandy."

Mr. Parker

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 29th, 1857.

Council met.

The President in the Chair.

Members present,

Messrs. Alexander,
Baker, A. J.,
Baker, Abraham,
Barber,
Barton,
Bevan,
Boller,
Booth,
Borie,
Boyle,
Bradford,
Bremer,
Bromley,
Brown, Benjamin H.
Brown, M. C.
Brownholtz,
Butler,
Catherwood,
Crease,
Craven,
Deal, J. F.,
Deal, William,
Dougherty,
Dutton,
Fitler,
Ford,
Geiss,
Hagner,

Messrs. Hassinger,
Henry,
Holman,
Horrocks,
Hubbard,
Iseminger,
Jackson,
Kelly,
Kershaw,
King,
Lex,
Lindsay,
Mascher,
Mecutchen,
Melloy,
Miller,
Murphy,
McMakin,
McManus,
McNeal,
Northrop,
O'Neill,
Owen,
Parker,
Porter,
Recktenwald,
Ridgway,
Robb,

Messrs. Roberts, Spencer,	Messrs. Stevenson,
Roberts, T. J.	Vanhorn,
Schofield,	Welsh,
Slocum,	Winship,
Snyder,	Wright,
Sorver,	Patterson, President.

The Clerk,

Having commenced reading the minutes of the last Stated Meeting,

Mr. Barton

Moved to dispense with the further reading thereof.

Agreed to.

Mr. Bremer,

On leave granted offered the following :

Resolved, by the Select and Common Councils, that the services of the Lafayette Hose Company be accepted and that they be admitted into the Fire Department.

Mr. Bremer

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Holman,

On leave granted, offered the following :

Resolved, That the thanks of the City of Philadelphia be, and are hereby tendered by the Select and Common Councils to the Officers and Members of the Fire and Police Department, for the untiring and vigorous efforts in successfully preserving from destruction by Fire, a large amount of Property of the Girard Estate, on the night of the 28th of January, 1857.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Boyle

Presented a petition from owners of property on Dickenson street between Seventh and Eighth street, asking that a Gas Lamp may be placed at the corner of Charles and Dickenson streets, and on Charles between Seventh and Eighth streets.

Mr. Hagner,

A communication from Alderman John Henry, asking payment of arrears of salary for services as Police Magistrate of the Fifteenth Ward.

Mr. McManus,

A petition from the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Richmond, asking for a Gas Lamp to be placed in front of said Edifice.

Which were referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Jackson,

One from citizens in the North Eastern part of Twentieth Ward, asking for an additional supply of Gas.

Referred to the Committee on Gas.

Mr. Brownholtz,

A petition from owners of property in the Twenty-first Ward, asking to have Lamps located on Tioga street west to Twenty-first street, and Gas Pipes along the same street.

That part relating to the location of Lamps,

Referred to the Committee on Police.

That relating to Gas Pipes to the Committee on Gas.

Mr. Miller

Presented Bills from M. and R. Thompson, for paying intersections and extra grading on Broad street north of Passyunk Road, in the First Ward.

Mr. Iseminger,

A communication from Joseph Winner, asking payment for services rendered the Department of Market Houses in the First Ward.

Which were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Dougherty

Presented the report of R. L. West, Superintendent of the City Rail Road for the year 1856.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Catherwood

A remonstrance from owners of property on the west side of Richmond street, in the Nineteenth Ward, against altering the grade of said street.

Mr. Northrop,

A petition from James Wray for a culvert at corner of Tenth and Bond street.

Referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Mr. Hagner

Presented a communication from the City Controller, correcting certain discrepancies in his Annual Report. (Appendix No. 137.)

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The President

Presented the Annual report of the Trustees of the City Gas Works. (Appendix No. 138.)

Also,

A communication from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, reporting the Phoenix Hose Company for violation of the Ordinance regulating the Fire Department. (Appendix No. 139.)

Laid on the table.

Also,

A Bill from Messrs. Logan and Alcott, for Charcoal, furnished the several Courts.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Also,

The Annual report of the "Dimes Savings of the City of Philadelphia." (Appendix No. 140.)

Laid on the table.

Also,

The following communication from the City Solicitor.

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE,
Philadelphia, January 29th, 1857.

GENTLEMEN:—

A suit has recently been brought to recover the arrears of a ground rent, payable by the Lot at the North East corner of Tenth and Thompson streets, on which a Police Station House is situated. The amount claimed is one hundred and forty two dollars and twenty cents. The City is the owner of this property, in fee simple, and her Title will be entirely divested by a Sheriff's Sale, made in the present proceeding. I beg leave therefore to invite your early attention to the subject. The sale may be prevented by payment of the sum I have mentiond.

Respectfully Yours,

WILLIAM A. PORTER,

City Solicitor.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Hagner,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

Submitted a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Surveys and Regulations, for the year 1857." (Appendix No. 141.)

Laid on the table.

Also,

Reported an Ordinance from Select Council "to pay certain claims against the City," with amendments. (Appendix No. 142.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same, as amended.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Also,

Reported "An Ordinance" from Select Council "to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges Sewers and cleansing the City," with amendments. (Appendix No. 143.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. Miller,

Chairman of the Committee on Highways,

Submitted a Bill, entitled "A supplement to the Ordinance to regulate the manner of paving the streets in the City of Philadelphia, approved May 3d, 1856." (Appendix No. 144.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First, Second, Third and Fourth Sections were agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to reconsider the vote by which the Second Section was adopted.

Agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to insert after the word "manner" the words "provided the Gutter of the same shall be laid with stone of the proper width."

Agreed to.

The Section as amended was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Also,

A report and Resolution to authorize the paving of certain streets therein named. (Appendix No. 145.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Resolutions were read twice and adopted.

Also,

A Report and Resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the claim of William M. Evans, for damages for opening Thirty-second street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward. (Appendix No. 146.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Reported as committed the Resolution from Select Council, approving of the contract for building the Wing Walls of Girard Avenue Bridge.

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. O'Neill,

Chairman of the Committee on Law,

Reported as committed the Ordinance defining the boundaries of the Election Divisions in the Twentieth Ward. (Appendix No. 147.)

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Also,

Submitted a report with "An Ordinance to enter satisfaction on the claim against E. Bender." (Appendix No. 148.)

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Ordinance.

Agreed to.

The First Section being read,

Mr. Mascher

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the Bill and that it be printed for the use of members.

Agreed to.

Mr. Sorver,

Chairman of the Committee on Claims,

Submitted a report adverse to the payment of the claim of Messrs. S. L. Hibbs, for Painting, and R. Morrell, for Carpenter Work, at the office of Register of Wills, with a Resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the same. (Appendix No. 149.)

Mr. Sorver

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A report in favor of the claim of E. W. Shippen & Co. for lamp posts and lanterns with Resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject and referring the same to the Committee on Finance, to embody in an Ordinance for the payment thereof. (Appendix No. 150.)

Mr. Sorver

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Northrop,

Chairman of the Committee on Surveys and Regulations,

Submitted a report, relating to the culvert on Vine street, between Nineteenth street and the river Schuylkill,

with a Resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 151.)

Mr. Northrop

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Holman,

Chairman of the Committee on Printing and Stationary,

Submitted a report with amendments to the Ordinance "To make appropriations to the Department of Clerks of Councils for the year 1857." (Appendix No. 152.)

Which being read,

Mr. Holman

Moved to suspend the order of the day to proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 55, Common Council File, "To make appropriations to the Department of Clerks of Councils for the year 1857."

Agreed to.

Mr. Holman

Moved to strike out in Section 1, all after the enacting clause and insert as follows, to wit:

"That the sum of twenty-seven thousand dollars, (\$ 27,000,00) be and the same is hereby appropriated to the Clerks of Councils for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, as follows:

Section First,

I	For salaries of Clerks, Messengers and door keeper of Councils,	\$ 6,620,00
II	Printing Journals, Ordinances and Miscellaneous Printing,	8,500,00
III	Binding Journals, Ordinances, &c.	2,600,00

IV	Advertising Ordinances, &c.	5,000,00
V	For Stationary and Blank Books,	1,780,00
VI	For Recording Ordinances	1,000,00
VII	For Carriage Hire for the use of Committee of Councils,	1,000,00
VIII	Incidental expenses, cleansing rooms &c.	500,00 "

Agreed to.

The First Section as amended was agreed to.

The Second Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Butler,

Offered the following :

Resolved, That this Chamber proceed to the Election of Two Trustees of Philadelphia Gas Works and Vaccine Physician, for the Second, Fourth, Sixth, Eighth, Tenth, Twelfth, Fourteenth, Sixteenth, Eighteenth, Twentieth, Twenty-second and Twenty-fourth Wards.

Mr. Butler

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

Mr. Owen

Moved to postpone the consideration of the Resolution for the present to enable him to offer the following :

Resolved, That when the Common Council adjourns, it shall be to meet on Monday, February 2d, 1857, at 3 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of considering the Annual Appropriation Bills.

Agreed to.

Mr. Owen

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to amend by striking out "Monday, February 2d," and inserting "Tuesday, February 30th."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Boyle

Moved to strike out "Monday, February 2d," and insert "Saturday, January 31st."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Crease

Moved to strike out "3 o'clock P. M.," and insert "10 o'clock A. M."

Not agreed to.

The Resolution of Mr. Owen was read twice and adopted.

The Resolution of Mr. Butler, to proceed to the Election of Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works and Vaccine Physicians,

Was read twice and adopted.

The President

Appointed Messrs. Hassinger and King, Tellers, and Council proceeded to the Election of two Trustees of the City Gas Works.

The Clerk reported that 55 votes had been cast, of which,

Messrs. Alexander, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barton, Bevan, Boller, Borie, Boyle, Bradford, Bremer, Bromley, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Butler, Catherwood,

Crease, Dougherty, Dutton, Fitler, Geiss, Hagner, Hasinger, Henry, Horrocks, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, Kershaw, Lindsay, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, Murphy, McMakin, McManus, Northrop, Owen, Porter, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Welsh, Winship and Patterson, President,

49, voted for Andrew C. Craig and Benjamin Gerhard.

Messrs. Wm. Deal and Wright,

2, voted for Andrew C. Craig.

Mr. Hubbard,

1, voted for Andrew C. Craig and A. Flomerfelt.

Mr. Lex,

1, voted for Benjamin Gerhard.

Mr. Barber,

1, voted for J. Rice and S. Smith.

Mr. Ridgway,

1, voted for Owen Quinn and John McGettigan.

In all 55 votes.

Andrew C. Craig and Benjamin Gerhard having received a majority of all the votes cast, were declared duly elected Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works, for three years.

Council proceeded to the election of Vaccine Physicians for the Second, Fourth, Sixth, Eighth, Tenth, Twelfth, Fourteenth, Sixteenth, Eighteenth, Twentieth, Twenty-second and Twenty-fourth Wards.

The Clerk reported that 52 votes had been cast of which,

Messrs. Alexander, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Bevan, Boyle, Bradford, Bremer, Brownholtz, Butler, J. E.

Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Fitler, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Jackson, Ker-shaw, Lindsay, Mascher, Melloy, Murphy, McManus, Northrop, O'Neill, Owen, Porter, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Welsh, Winship, Wright and Patterson, President,

39, voted for

2d Ward, William Haney,	14th Ward W. H. Freeman,
4th " W. F. Patterson,	16th " J. H. Handy,
6th " Edw. R. Spooner,	18th " T. O. Goldsmith,
8th " J. J. Woodward,	20th " Geo. H. Cook,
10th " G. H. Robinett,	22d " Wm. H. Squires,
12th " Jas. McFadden,	24th " J. E. Whitesides,

Messrs. Mecutchen and Miller,

2, voted for

2d Ward, Wm. Haney,	14th Ward, W. H. Freeman,
4th " W. F. Patterson,	16th " J. H. Handy,
6th " Edw. R. Spooner,	18th " Abr. Helfenstein,
8th " J. J. Woodward,	20th " George H. Cook,
10th " G. H. Robinett,	22d " Wm. H. Squire,
12th " James McFadden,	24th " J. E. Whitesides,

Messrs. Barber and B. H. Brown,

2, voted for

14th Ward, W. H. Freeman. 18th Ward, J. Uptegrove.

Mr. McMakin,

1, voted for

2d Ward, Wm. Haney,	16th Ward, J. H. Handy,
4th " W. F. Patterson,	18th " T. O. Goldsmith,
6th " J. J. Woodward,	20th " George H. Cook,
10th " G. H. Robinett,	22d " Wm. H. Squires,
12th " James McFadden,	24th " J. E. Whitesides.
14th " W. H. Freeman,	

Mr. Crease,

1, voted for

2d Ward, W. Haney,	14th Ward, W. H. Freeman,
4th " Wm. F. Patterson,	16th " J. H. Handy,
6th " Edw. R. Spooner,	20th " George H. Cook,
8th " J. J. Woodward,	22d " W. H. Squires,
10th " G. H. Robinett,	24th " J. E. Whitesides.
12th " James McFadden,	

Mr. M. C. Brown,

1, voted for

2d Ward, Wm. Haney,	14th Ward, W. H. Freeman,
4th " W. F. Patterson,	16th " J. H. Handy,
6th " J. B. Mund,	18th " T. O. Goldsmith,
8th " J. J. Woodward,	20th " George H. Cook,
10th " Geo. H. Robinett,	22d " Wm. H. Squires,
12th " James McFadden,	24th " J. E. Whitesides.

Mr. Parker,

1, voted for

14th Ward, Wm. H. Freeman.

Mr. Ridgway,

1, voted for

4th Ward, J. Marselis,	16th Ward, Joseph Fitler,
14th " W. H. Freeman,	18th " C. B. Roberts.

Mr. Henry,

1, voted for

8th Ward, J. J. Woodward,	14th Ward, W. H. Freeman,
12th " Jas. McFadden,	22d " Wm. H. Squires.

Mr. Borie,

1, voted for

2d Ward, Wm. Haney,	6th Ward, Edw. R. Spooner.
4th " W. F. Patterson,	

Mr. Craven,

1 voted for

10th Ward, G. H. Robinett, 14th Ward, W. H. Freeman

Mr. Booth,

1, voted for

14th Ward, William H. Freeman.

In all 52 votes.

Messrs. William Haney, William F. Patterson, Edward R. Spooner, J. J. Woodward, George H. Robinett, James McFadden, William A. Freeman, J. H. Handy, Thomas O. Goldsmith, George H. Cook, William H. Squire, and John E. Whitesides, having received a majority of all the votes cast, were duly elected Vaccine Physicans of the respective Wards.

Mr. Booth

Offered the following :

Resolved, that the Special Committee appointed June 19th, to examine the Criminal Dockets of each Alderman, in order to ascertain what amount of Fines and Forfeits have been paid, be requested to report to the Council on Thursday next.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Alexander

Offered the following :

Resolved, that five hundred copies of the Report of the Trustees of the Gas Works be printed for the use of the members of Councils.

Not agreed to.

Select Council

Informed Common Council that they have passed a Bill entitled "a further supplement to an Ordinance ap-

proved January 30, 1855, entitled 'An Ordinance to re-organize the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia.'

Referred to Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Also,

A Resolution to meet in convention February 5th, 1857, at 5 o'clock P. M., to elect a member of the Board of Health for the Second Ward.

Common Council Concurred.

Also,

That that they have concurred in the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to authorize the construction of a certain culvert or drain on the line of Twelfth street, from Walnut to George street in the Eighth Ward."

Also,

In "An Ordinance to authorize the construction of a certain culvert or drain on Willow and Locust streets, Eighth Ward."

Also,

In "An Ordinance to provide for the payment of State Taxes received by the City Treasurer on property in the City of Philadelphia, for account of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania"

Also,

Concurred in the amendments of Common Council to the Bill of Select Council entitled "an Ordinance to make an appropriation out of the income of the Girard Estates, for the purposes therein mentioned."

Also,

Amendments of Common Council to the Bill of Select Council entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay certain claims against the City."

Also,

In the Resolutions to admit the Independence and Cohocksink Hose Companies, and the Union Fire Company, into the Fire Department.

On motion of Mr. Miller,

Council resumed the consideration of Bill No. 59, Common Council File, "To make an appropriation to the Department of Police for the year 1857."

Mr Holman

Moved a call of the House.

Mr. Northrop

Moved to lay the call on the table.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Booth and Parker,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Iseminger, Lindsay, Miller, McMakin, McManus, Porter, Robb, Sorver, Welsh, Winship, Wright and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Abraham Baker, Barber, Booth, Borie, Boyle, Benjamin H. Brown, M. C. Brown, Crease, Craven, Dutton, Hagner, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Hubbard, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Northrop, Parker and Vanhorn.

Yeas 15. Nays 22.

A quorum of members not having voted,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Porter

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, February 2d, 1857.

Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the Chair.

Members present,

Messrs. Alexander,
Baker, Abraham,
Barber,
Bevan,
Boller,
Booth,
Borie,
Bradford,
Bremer,
Bromley,
Brouse,
Crease,
Craven,
Deal, William,
Dougherty,
Dutton,
Elliott,
Fitler,
Ford,
Hagner,
Harper,
Hassinger,
Henry,
Holman,
Horrocks,
Hubbard,

Messrs. Kelly,
Kershaw,
King,
Lindsay,
Marsh,
Mascher,
Melloy,
Miller,
McMakin,
McManus,
McNeal,
Northrop,
O'Neill,
Owen,
Parker,
Porter,
Ridgway,
Robb,
Roberts, T. J.,
Snyder,
Sorver,
Stevenson,
Vanhorn,
Welsh,
Winship,
Patterson, President.

Bill No. 59, Common Council File "To make appropriations to the Department of Police for the year 1857," being under consideration,

Mr. Holman

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the Bill for the present, for the purpose of proceeding to the consideration of Bill No. 34, Select Council File, "To make an appropriation for the expenses of the Police Department for the year 1857."

Mr. Owen

Rose to the following points of order, viz :

First, That the motion to postpone was not in order pending an amendment to an amendment."

Second, "That it was not competent to take up the Bill, while yet in the hands of the Committee on Finance."

The President

Decided the First to be not well taken.

The Second to be well taken.

Mr. Winship

Moved to discharge the Committee on Finance from the further consideration of the Bill.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Kelly

Moved the previous question, and was sustained in the call by the following members rising to wit :

Messrs. Kelly, Craven, Owen, William Deal, Welsh, Dutton, Fitler, Snyder, Melloy, T. J. Roberts, Crease and Sorver.

And on the question "Shall the main question be now put?"

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Northrop and Holman,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Boller, Bremer, Craven, Wm. Deal, Dutton, Elliott, Fitler, Ford, Hagner, Hassinger, Kelly, Kershaw, Melloy, Miller, McMakin, McManus, T. J. Roberts, Snyder, Sorver, Vanhorn and Welsh.

NAYS—Messrs. Barber, Booth, Boric, Bromley, Brouse, Harper, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Hubbard, Marsh, Mascher, Northrop, Owen, Parker, Porter, Ridgway, Stevenson, Winship and Patterson, President.

Yeas 22. Nays 20.

It was agreed to.

The main question being the amendment of Mr. Mascher, to the motion of Mr. Winship, "To insert the word Brandy."

It was not agreed to.

The amendment of Mr. Winship was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the First Section of the Bill,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Northrop and Barber,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Bevan, Boller, Bremer, Bromley, Brouse, Crease, Craven, William Deal, Dutton, Elliott, Fitler, Ford, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Horrocks, Kelly, Kershaw, Lex, Lindsay, Mascher, Melloy, Miller, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Owen, T. J. Roberts, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Welsh, Winship and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Barber and Northrop,

Yeas 36. Nays 2.

A quorum of Members not having voted,
It was not agreed to.

Bill No. 63, Common Council File, "To make an appropriation to the Department of the Receiver of Taxes for the year 1857," being under consideration,

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the order of the day to consider Bill No 59, Common Council File, "To make appropriations to the Department of Police for the year 1857."

Agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration,

Mr. Northrop

Moved to amend the same by striking out "the whole of Item 1," and insert in lieu thereof, the following :

1 For salaries of the Mayor and Clerk, Marshal of Police and Clerk, High Constables, special officers, messengers, lieutenants, and sergeants of police and policemen, (three hundred and seventy-two thousand dollars,) \$ 372,000 00.

Mr. T. J. Roberts

Moved the previous question and was sustained in the call by the following members rising in their places to wit :

Messrs. Roberts, Kelly, Owen, Crease, Melloy, Sorver, Fitler, Snyder, Butler, Dutton, William Deal and Welsh.

The question being "shall the main question be now put?"

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Northrop and Barber,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Bevan, Boller, Bremer, Bromley, Brouse, Butler, Crease, Craven, William

Deal, Dutton, Fitler, Hagner, Kelly, Kershaw, King, Lindsay, Melloy, Miller, McMakin, McManus, Owen, T. J. Roberts, Snyder, Sorver, Vanhorn and Welsh.

NAYS—Messrs. Barber, Booth, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Hubbard, Lex, Marsh, Mascher, McNeal, Stevenson, Winship, and Patterson, President.

Yeas 27. Nays. 14.

A quorum of members not voting,
It was not agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Moved a Call of the House.

The Roll was called and the Clerk reported that 49 Members answered to their names, to wit:

Messrs. Alexander, Abraham Baker, Barber, Bevan, Boller, Booth, Borie, Bradford, Bremer, Bromley, Brouse, Butler, Crease, Craven, William Deal, Dutton, Elliott, Fitler, Ford, Hagner, Harper, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Hubbard, Kelly, Kershaw, King, Lindsay, Marsh, Mascher, Melloy, Miller, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Owen, Parker, Porter, Ridgway, T. J. Roberts, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Welsh, Winship and Patterson, President.

Mr. King

Moved to adjourn.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded Messrs. T. J. Roberts and Borie,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Craven, William Deal, Dutton, Harper, Kershaw, King, Snyder and Welsh.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Abraham Baker, Barber, Boller, Booth, Borie Bradford, Bromley, Butler, Crease, Fitler, Ford, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Horrocks.

Hubbard, Iseminger, Kelly, Lex, Lindsay, Marsh, Mascher, Melloy, Miller, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Northrop, Owen, Parker, Porter, Ridgway, T. J. Roberts, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Winship and Patterson, President.

Yeas 8. Nays 40.

Not agreed to.

The question being on the amendment of Mr. Northrop,

Mr. Winship

Moved to amend the amendment by inserting in lieu thereof.

“For salaries of the Mayor and Clerk, Marshal of Police and Clerk, High Constables, Special Officers, Messengers, Lieutenants and Sergeants of Police and Policemen, and for a Chief of Police to be hereafter appointed, \$371,000.00.”

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Alexander and Ridgway,

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Bradford, Butler, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Hubbard, McNeal, Northrop, Porter, Welsh and Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Barber, Bevan, Bolter, Bremer, Bromley, Brouse, Crease, Craven, William Deal, Dutton, Elliott, Fitler, Ford, Hagner, Harper, Iseminger, Kelly, Kershaw, King, Lex, Lindsay, Marsh, Mascher, Melloy, Miller, McMakin, Owen, Parker, Ridgway, T. J. Roberts, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn and Patterson, President.

Yeas 13. Nays 36.

Not agreed to.

The amendment of Mr. Northrop was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the First Section,

It was agreed to.

The Second Section being under consideration,

Mr. Henry

Moved to amend as follows, strike out all after the word "pay" in line 2, and insert "deficiencies on account of the appropriation of 1856—That is to say: For salaries of police, for nine days in December, expenses of police and fire alarm telegraph, cleansing station houses in November and December, gas for months of October, November and December—and other bills rendered remaining unpaid."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Crease

Moved to amend as follows:

Add to the end of the Section, "for gas consumed at the Manayunk Station House, from December, 1854, to July 1st, 1856, (one hundred and forty dollars and forty one cents.) \$140.41."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Booth

Moved to recommit the Bill to the Finance Committee.

Not agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the Second Section,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Booth and Barber,

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Barber, Bevan, Bol-ler, Bromley, Brouse, Butler, Crease, Craven, William

Deal, Dutton, Elliott, Fitler, Ford, Hagner, Harper, Hasinger, Kelly, King, Lindsay, Mascher, Miller, McManus, McNeal, Parker, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Booth, Bradford, Henry, Holman, Isenminger, Marsh, Northrop, Porter and Welsh.

Yeas 32. Nays 9.

A quorum of members not having voted,
It was not agreed to.

The President

Presented the following communication from the Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
February 2d, 1857.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :—

The following Ordinance has been approved and signed,
viz :

On the 31st., ult., An Ordinance to provide for the payment of State Taxes received by the City Treasurer on property in the City of Philadelphia, for account of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Mr. Welsh

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 5th, 1857.

Council met.

The President in the Chair.

Members present,

Messrs. Alexander,
Baird,
Baker, Abraham,
Bevan,
Boller,
Booth,
Borie,
Boyle,
Bradford,
Bremer,
Bromley,
Brown, Benjamin H.
Brownholtz,
Brouse,
Catherwood,
Crease,
Craven,
Deal, J. F.,
Deal, William,
Dougherty,
Dutton,
Elliott,
Fitler,
Ford,
Geiss,
Hagner,
Harper,
Hassinger,

Messrs. Henry,
Holman,
Horrocks,
Hubbard,
Iseminger,
Jackson,
Kelly,
Kershaw,
King,
Lex,
Lindsay,
Mascher,
Mecutchen,
Melloy,
Miller,
McCleary,
McMakin,
McManus,
Northrop,
O'Neill,
Owen,
Porter,
Recktenwald,
Ridgway,
Robb,
Roberts, T. J.
Schofield,
Sorver,

Messrs. Stevenson,
Vanhorn,
Patterson, President.

Messrs. Welsh,
Winship,

The Clerk

Having commenced reading the minutes of the last stated meeting,

Mr. Mascher

Moved to dispense with the further reading of the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to suspend the order of the day for the purpose of considering the appropriation Bills in their numerical order.

Agreed to.

Council resumed the consideration of the Second Section of Bill No 59, Common Council File, "To make appropriation to the Department of Police for the year 1857."

Mr. King

Moved to amend as follows :

Provided, That no Warrant for the payment of any of the appropriations contained in this Section shall be drawn until the Mayor shall be satisfied that the same are correct and payable.

Agreed to.

Mr. Porter

Moved the previous question and was sustained in the call by the following members rising, viz :

Messrs. Porter, Kelly, Welsh, McManus, Catherwood,
J. F. Deal, William Deal, Lindsay, McCleary, Holman,
Melloy, Alexander and Dougherty.

And on the question, "Shall the main question be now put."

It was agreed to.

The main question being the adoption of the Second Section as amended.

It was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to a third reading.

Agreed to.

Mr. Welsh

Moved that the Chamber resolve itself into Committee of the whole, for the purpose of making special amendments.

Not agreed to.

The Bill was then read a third time by its title and passed.

Mr. Hagner,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

Reported a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Schools for the year 1857."

Laid on the table.

Council proceeded to the consideration of Bill No. 63, Common Council File, "To make an appropriation to the Department of the Receiver of Taxes for the year 1857."

The First Section being read,

Mr. Abraham Baker

Moved to amend by adding as follows, "Item 14, for Building and Fitting up a suitable Fire Proof in the Receiver of Taxes Office, \$ 600."

Agreed to.

The Section as amended was agreed to.

The Second Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Council proceeded to the consideration of Bill No. 64, Common Council File, "To make an appropriation to the Trust and Fire Department for the year 1857."

Mr. Mascher

Moved to postpone the consideration of the same to proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 71, Common Council File, entitled "An Ordinance to repeal an Ordinance approved May 2d, 1856," entitled "An Ordinance providing for the care and management of the City Steam Fire Engine Young America."

Not agreed to.

The First Section of Bill No. 64, being under consideration,

Mr. Boyle

Moved to amend the same by striking out the twentieth, twenty-first, twenty-second and twenty-third lines, viz: "For equipping and putting in service and maintaining Steam Fire Engine Young America, thirty-five hundred dollars; Provided, that no part of said appropriation shall be expended until the same is directed by Councils."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Lex and McCleary,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Borie, Boyle, Bremer, Benjamin H. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Catherwood, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Geiss, Hubbard, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, Lindsay, Mascher, Meutchchen, Mickle, Monaghan, McCleary, McMakin, McNeal, O'Neal, Owen, Porter, Schofield, Sorver, Stevenson, Vogdes, Welsh and Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barber, Bevan, Boller, Booth, Bradford, Bromley, Crease, Craven, Elliott, Fitler, Ford, Hagner, Harper, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Kershaw, Lex, Melloy, McManus, Ridgway, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Vanhorn and Paterson, President.

Yeas 33. Nays 29.

Agreed to.

Mr. Winship

Moved to amend by adding to the end of the Section as follows :

To the Hibernia, Weccacoe and Assistance Engine Companies, Good Will, Ringgold and Washington Hose Companies, the sum of one hundred each, being the amount of their appropriation for three months services to July 1856.

To the Spring Garden, Good Will, Hibernia, Assistance and Washington Engine Companies and the Hope, Diligent, Good Intent, Good Will, Washington and Western Hose Companies, the sum of two hundred and twenty-five dollars each, being the amount of appropriation due them for services to April 1855.

To the Southwark and Weccacoe Engine Companies, and the Niagara Hose Company the sum of two hundred and seventy-five dollars each, being the amount of appropriation due them for services to April 1855.

To the Northern Liberty, United States and Ringgold Hose Companies, the sum of three hundred and seventy-five

dollars each, being the amount of appropriation due them for services to April 1855.

Mr. Boller

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the Bill, and that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Not agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment of Mr. Winship,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Winship and Mascher,

And being ordered were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Barber, Bevan, Booth, Borie, Boyle, Bradford, Bremer, Benjamin H. Brown, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Catherwood, Crease, J. F. Deal, Wm. Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Harper, Hassinger, Jackson, Kelly, Lindsay, Mascher, Melloy, Mickle, Miller, Monaghan, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Owen, Porter, Recktenwald, Ridgway, Robb, Stevenson, Vogdes, Welsh and Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Abr'm Baker, Boller, Brouse, Craven, Fitler, Ford, Hagner, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Hubbard, Kershaw, King, Lex, Mecutchen, Northrop, Schofield, Sorver, Vanhorn and Patterson, President.

Yeas 44. Nays 20.

It was agreed to.

Mr. Lex

Moved to amend by adding as follows:

“For equipping and putting in service and maintaining Steam Fire Engines, two thousand dollars, provided that no part of said appropriation shall be expended until the same is directed by Resolution of Councils.”

Mr. Winship

Moved to amend the amendment by striking out “\$2000,” and insert “\$1000.”

Not agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment of Mr. Lex,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Mascher and Lex,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barber, Boller, Booth, Bradford, Bromley, Benjamin H. Brown, M. C. Brown, Catherwood, Crease, Craven, Elliott, Fitler, Ford, Hagner, Harper, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Hubbard, Kelly, Kershaw, King, Lex, Mecutchen, Melloy, Miller, McMakin, Northrop, Owen, Ridgway, Robb, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Wright and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Borie, Boyle, Bremer, Brownholtz, Brouse, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dutton, Geiss, Iseminger, Jackson, Lindsay, Mascher, Mickle, Mc Cleary, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Porter, Recktenwald, Schofield, Sorver, Stevenson, Welsh and Winship.

Yeas 39. Nays 26.

It was agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to amend by adding as follows :

For a gratuity to the Moyamensing Hose Company, in consideration of services rendered to the City in the years, 1854, 1855 and 1856, \$1200.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Dougherty and Ridgway,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEA—Mr. Dougherty.

NAYS.—Messrs. Alexander, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Bevan, Boller, Booth, Borie, Boyle, Bradford, Bremer, Bromley, Benjamin H. Brown, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Catherwood, Craven, Davis, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dutton, Elliott, Fitler, Ford, Geiss, Hagner, Harper, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Hubbard, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, Kershaw, King, Lex,

Lindsay, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Miller, McMakin, McNeal, Northrop, Owen, Porter, Recktenwald, Ridgway, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Welsh, Winship, Wright and Patterson, President.

Yea 1. Nays 57.

Not agreed to:

The First Section as amended was agreed to.

The Second Section being under consideration,

Mr. A. J. Baker

Moved to amend the fifteenth line by striking out the capital letter "S" and inserting "J."

Agreed to.

The Third Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. A. J. Baker,

On leave granted, presented a petition from the Diligent Fire Engine Company, asking for the control of the Steam Fire Engine Young America.

Referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Lex,

On leave granted, offered the following:

Resolved, That the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department be requested to consider and report a plan whereby the Engine Young America can be transferred to the care of any organized corps of men who may be willing to associate for that purpose as the Hose and Engine Companies of this City are now organized, and thus be ren-

dered efficient for the purpose designed by its donors—the usual appropriation to be made to such Company when organized, as is now furnished to Engine Companies of this City.

Mr. Lex

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Council proceeded to the consideration of Bill No. 65, Common Council File, “To make an appropriation to the Department of City Commissioners for the year 1857.”

Mr. Hagner

Moved to amend by striking out the whole of Item 27, and insert as follows:

“Item 27, For the payment of the salaries of fifty Assessors, for making Assessments for 1858, and the necessary divisions books required by law, fifteen thousand eight hundred dollars.”

Agreed to.

Mr. Bradford

Moved to amend Item 59, by striking out the words “by the Judges of the Criminal Court.”

Agreed to.

Mr. Lex

Moved to amend Item 24, by striking out the words “stationery supplied by the City” and insert the word “appropriations;” also, strike out the word “furnished,” in same Item, and insert “made,” also, add the letter “s” to the words “signature” and “Judge,” and strike out the words “the President” and insert “a majority of the.”

Agreed to.

Mr. Hagner

Moved to amend Item 2, by striking out "\$15,000," and inserting "\$9,000."

Agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Moved to amend Item 18, by striking out "and Clerk \$10,000," and insert "\$5,000," and add to the end thereof, the following, "for the fee of the Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions, \$4,500, nine thousand five hundred dollars."

Agreed to.

Mr. Kelly

Moved to amend the Section by adding the following, to come in at the end thereof:

"Provided, that all supplies for printing blank books and stationery provided for in this Ordinance, shall be by contract, the contract to be given to the lowest bidder, after advertisement in three daily newspapers, by the City Commissioners."

Agreed to.

Mr. Baker

Moved to amend the second and third lines, so as to read "one hundred and sixty seven thousand one hundred and seventy-five dollars and three cents."

Agreed to.

The Section as amended was agreed to.

The Second Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Council proceeded to the consideration of Bill No. 66, Common Council File, "to make an appropriation to the Department for supplying the City with Water, for 1857."

Mr. Mascher

Moved to amend Item 25, in the First Section, by striking out "\$1,500," and inserting "\$1,700."

Not agreed to.

The First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

The President

Presented the following communications from the Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
February 5th, 1857.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN :—

The following Ordinances have been approved and signed, viz :

On the 4th inst, An^d Ordinance to authorize the construction of a certain Culvert or Drain, on Willow and Locust Streets, Eighth Ward.

On the 4th inst, An Ordinance to authorize the construction of a certain Culvert or Drain, on the line of Twelfth Street, from Walnut to George Street, in the Eighth Ward.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
February 5th, 1857.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN :

The Joint Resolution accepting the services of the Northern Liberty Hose Company and admitting it into the Fire Department, having been presented for executive approval and fifteen days thereafter having transpired without such approval, it has become a Law by virtue of the provision of the Seventh Section of the Act of the General Assembly approved April 21st, A. D., 1855.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Which were laid on the table.

Also,

A communication from George Thorn, Esq., a representative from the City in the State Legislature, calling attention to the fact that a Bill was before that body authorizing the sale of the Philosophical Society Building, in Fifth street below Chestnut, to the United States.

Referred to the Committee on City Property.

Also,

An Invitation from the Alumni Association of the Central High School, for members to be present at the delivery of the annual address before that body, on the 12th inst.

Mr. Parker

Moved that the Invitation be accepted.

Agreed to.

Also,

A communication from the Chief Commissioner of Highways, stating the impossibility of complying with the terms of the Ordinance for re-numbering Houses, and asking for action of Council in relation thereto. (Appendix No. 153)

Mr. Mascher

Moved to refer the Communication to the Special Committee appointed on the subject.

Not agreed to.

The communication was referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Miller,

Offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That when Common Council adjourn, it be to meet on Monday, February 9th, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules, and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution being read a second time,

Mr. Boyle

Moved to amend by striking out "Monday, February 9th," and insert "Saturday, February 7th."

Not agreed to.

The Resolution was then adopted.

Mr. Hagner,

On leave granted, offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Commissioners be required to furnish Common Council with an account of the assessments of each Ward for the year 1857, on or before Thursday next.

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules, and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Lindsay,

On leave granted, offered the following:

Whereas, at the late Municipal Election held in this City, it appears that there were upwards of 460 votes polled in the Seventh Division of the First Ward, furthermore that there were upwards of fifty votes disfranchised owing to the large number of votes in this Election Division, therefore

Resolved, That a Special Committee be appointed, to consist of the Members of Council from the First Ward, for the purpose of dividing the Seventh Division of said Ward, in conformity with the Third Section of Act of the Legislature, passed 2d day of February, 1854.

Mr. Lindsay

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution being read a second time,

Mr. Barber

Moved to lay it on the Table.

Not agreed to.

The Resolution was then adopted.

Mr. Ridgway,

On leave granted,

Presented a petition from owners of property in the Fifteenth Ward, asking that the Forrest Hose Company may be admitted into the Fire Department.

Mr. B. H. Brown,

On leave granted,

Presented a petition from the Kensington Hose Company, asking to be admitted into the Fire Department.

Which were referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Boyle,

On leave granted, offered the following :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils that the Commissioner of City Property be and he is hereby instructed to have a suitable number of Gas Lamps placed in Jefferson Square in the Second Ward, and that the Chief Commissioner of Highways be also instructed to have Flag Stones laid at the crossing of the streets opposite each gate of said square.

Referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Sorver,

Chairman of the Committee on Claims,

Submitted a report favorable to the payment of the Claims of Delaware County, for expenses incurred on a suit removed from Philadelphia by Act of Assembly, with a Resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the same and referring it to the Committee on Finance, to report an Ordinance in favor of the payment thereof.— (Appendix No. 154.)

Mr. Sorver

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Council proceeded to the consideration of Bill No. 69, Common Council File, "make an appropriation to the Department of City Property for 1857."

Mr. Barber

Moved to postpone the consideration of the Bill until Thursday next.

Agreed to.

Council proceeded to the consideration of Bill No. 69, Common Council File, "to make an appropriation to the Department of the City Treasurer for 1857."

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Council proceeded to the consideration of Bill No. 70, Common Council File, to make an appropriation to the Board of Guardians of the Poor for 1857."

Mr. Northrop

Moved to amend the First Section by striking out the whole of Item 86.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Northrop and Henry,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Booth, Benjamin H. Brown, Crease, Craven, Hagner, Mascher, Northrop and Parker.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Barber, Boller, Boyle, Bradford, M. C. Brown, Catherwood, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dutton, Elliott, Ford, Harper, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Jackson, Lex, Mecutchen, Melloy, Miller, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Owen, Porter, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Schofield, Sorver, Stevenson, Vogdes, Welsh, Wright and Patterson, President.

Yeas 9. Nays 38.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Henry

Moved to amend by striking out Item 86, and insert the following;

"Item 86. For the relief of the Out Door Poor of the City as follows :

- For the First Poor District,
for fuel, (thirty-four hundred dollars,)
for other purposes, (twelve hundred and fifty dollars,)
- For the Second Poor District,
for fuel, (forty seven hundred dollars,)
for other purposes, (fifteen hundred and fifty dollars,)
- For the Third Poor District,
for fuel, (ten thousand eight hundred dollars,)
for other purposes, (five thousand five hundred dollars,)
- For the Fourth Poor District,
for fuel, (two thousand two hundred dollars,)
for other purposes, (one thousand dollars,)
- For the Fifth Poor District,
for fuel, (thirty three hundred and fifty dollars,)
for other purposes, (eighteen hundred dollars,)
- For the Sixth Poor District,
for fuel, (fifty four hundred and fifty dollars,)
for other purposes, (thirty eight hundred dollars,)
- For the Seventh Poor District,
for fuel, (thirteen hundred dollars,)
for other purposes, (nine hundred and fifty dollars,)
- For the Eighth Poor District,
for fuel, (nine hundred and fifty dollars,)
for other purposes, (seven hundred dollars,)
- For the Ninth Poor District,
for fuel, (seven hundred dollars,)
for other purposes, (four hundred dollars.)”

Mr. Mascher

Moved to adjourn.

Not agreed to.

Select Council

Informed Common Council that they have passed the following Resolutions, viz :

Relative to the opening of Chew street in the Twenty-second Ward.

Relative to widening the track of the Rail Road on Market street.

Relative to the preservation of a record of the present numbers of the Houses in the City.

Also,

That they have concurred in the following Ordinances, viz :

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Superintendent of Trusts, for the purposes therein mentioned.”

“An Ordinance to make appropriation, out of certain trust funds, to the Superintendent of Trusts, for the purposes therein named.”

“An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of Managers of Will's Hospital, for the use of the said Hospital, for the year 1857.”

Mr. Mascher

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, February 9th, 1857.

Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the Chair.

Members present,

Messrs. Alexander,	Messrs. Kelly,
Baird,	King,
Baker, A. J.	Lex,
Baker, Abraham,	Marsh,
Barber,	Martin,
Bevan,	Mascher,
Boller,	Mccutchen,
Booth,	Melloy,
Boric,	Miller,
Boyle,	McMakin,
Bradford,	McManus,
Bremer,	Northrop,
Brown, Benjamin H.	O'Neill,
Catherwood,	Owen,
Craven,	Parker,
Deal, J. F.,	Porter,
Deal, William,	Ridgway,
Dutton,	Robb,
Fitler,	Roberts, T. J.,
Ford,	Sorver,
Hagner,	Stevenson,
Hassinger,	Vanhorn,
Henry,	Vogdes,
Holman,	Welsh,
Hubbard,	Winship,
Jackson,	Wright,
	Patterson, President.

Council resumed the consideration of the First Section of Bill No. 70, Common Council File, "To make an appropriation to the Guardians of the Poor, for the year 1857.

The question recurring upon the amendment offered by Mr. Henry. [see page 252.]

Mr. Hagner

Moved that the Chamber resolve itself into Committee of the whole for the consideration of the Bill.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker and Ridgway,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Barber, Bevan, Booth, Bremer, Benjamin H. Brown, J. F. Deal, Hagner, Hassinger, King, Mascher, Mecutchen, McMakin, McManus, Northrop, Owen, Parker, Ridgway, Robb, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Abraham Baker, Boller, Borie, Boyle, Bradford, William Deal, Dutton, Fitler, Ford, Henry, Hubbard, Jackson, Kelly, Melloy, Miller, Porter, Vogdes, Welsh and Wright.

Yeas 22. Nays 21.

Agreed to.

Mr. Hassinger,

Was called to the chair.

After some time spent in Committee of the whole, the Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

The First Section being read,

Mr. King

Moved to amend as follows :

Strike out of the 128th line, the word "forty," and insert "twenty-five," and by inserting after the word

“dollars,” “that no part of the said appropriation for out door relief, shall be expended for the purpose of paying indebtedness created by said Board of Guardians, prior to the first day of January, 1857.”

And whenever a Warrant drawn on said appropriation, shall be presented to the City Controller to be countersigned, the person presenting the same, shall, if the Controller require, produce evidence that the indebtedness for which said Warrant is drawn has been created since the first day of January, 1857; and provided that said Controller shall be satisfied that said indebtedness has been created since the time above specified.”

Mr. Barber

Moved to amend the amendment as follows :

“And provided further, That no part of this appropriation shall be paid as wages to any person admitted in the Alms House as a Pauper.”

Not agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment of Mr. King,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. King and Barber,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Barber, Bevan, Bol-
ler, Booth, Boyle, Benjamin H. Brown, Catherwood,
Craven, Dutton, Hagner, Kelly, King, Marsh, Mecutchen,
Parker, Ridgway and Vanhorn.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Borie,
Bradford, Bremer, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Hassinger,
Henry, Holman, Hubbard, Jackson, Lex, Martin, Mascher,
Melloy, Miller, McMakin, McManus, O'Neill, Owen, Por-
ter, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Sorver, Stevenson, Welsh, Win-
ship, Wright and Patterson, President.

Yeas 18. Nays 31.

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Barber

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the Bill and recommit the same to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to make provisions for the deficiency for the year 1856.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to strike out of Item 84, in the amount \$1,560, "\$560," so as to read "\$1,000."

Agreed to.

Mr. Parker

Moved to strike out the whole of Item 84.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Baird

Moved to strike out the whole of Item 15, viz: "For Board of Assistant Physicians, \$1600."

Agreed to.

Mr. Parker

Moved to amend by striking out of the 128th line, the word "Forty," and insert "Twenty."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Henry

Moved to amend by adding to the Section as follows:

"Provided, That no wages shall be paid to any person who is a Pauper in the Alms House."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Barber

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the Bill for the present.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker and Ridgway,

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Boller, Booth, Boyle, Bradford, Benjamin H. Brown, Catherwood, Craven, Dutton, Ford, Henry, King, Lex, Marsh, Parker, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Sorver and Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, A. J. Baker, Abr'm Baker, Borie, Bremer, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Hagner, Hassinger, Kelly, Martin, Mascher, Meeutchen, Melloy, Miller, McManus, Owen, Porter, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Welsh, Wright and Patterson, President.

Yeas 18. Nays 2.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Winship

Moved to amend by striking out from Item 69, to 73, inclusive,

“For wages on Pay Roll chargeable to expenses, nineteen hundred and twenty dollars, 1,920 00

For wages on Pay Roll chargeable to Medical Department, forty-four hundred and forty dollars, 4,440 00

For wages chargeable to Children's Asylum, five hundred and twenty five dollars, 525 00

For wages on Pay Roll chargeable to Manufactory, two hundred and eighty dollars, 280 00

For wages on Pay Roll chargeable to farm, three hundred and twelve dollars.” 312 00

Not agreed to.

Mr King

Moved to amend as follows:

By striking out of the 128th line the word “forty” and insert “nine” and insert after the word “dollars,” that thirty one thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, to pay indebtedness created for out door relief by the said Board of Guardians, during the year 1856, without authority of Law or Ordinance.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Hagner

Moved to strike out the words "and incidentals" in the 67th line and insert "and" between "toll" and "clothes," and

Strike out \$ 1000 in the 67th line and insert \$ 200.

Agreed to.

Mr. Hagner

Moved to strike out \$ 100, in the 77th line and insert \$ 600.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Holman

Moved to add to end of Section, the following:

Item 87, For Returning Paupers to their homes in other States, \$ 1000.

Mr. Parker

Moved to amend the amendment, by adding after the word "States" the words "other Countries."

Not agreed to.

The Question recurring upon the amendment of Mr. Holman,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Henry

Moved to amend, by striking out of the 77th line, "\$ 100," and inserting "\$ 400."

Agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to amend, as follows :

1st.—Strike out in the 69th Item, 1920, and insert 1000.

2d.—Strike out in the 70th Item, 4440, and insert 2500.

3d.—Strike out in the 71st Item, 525, and insert 300.

4th.—Strike out in the 73d Item, 312, and insert 200.

Mr. Barber

Asked a division of the motion.

The question being on the First Division, viz: "To strike out in the 69th Item, \$ 1920 and insert \$ 1000."

It was agreed to.

The Second Division, viz: "To strike out in the 70th Item, \$ 4440 and insert \$ 2500."

Was agreed to.

The Third Division, viz: "To strike out in the 71st Item, \$ 525,00 and insert \$ 300."

Was not agreed to.

The Fourth Division, viz: "To strike out in the 73d, line \$ 312, and insert \$ 200."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Barber and Parker,

And-being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Boyle, Benjamin H. Brown, Catherwood Craven, Dutton, Ford, Hassinger, Kelly, Martin, McMakin, Northrop, Robb,¹ T. J. Roberts, Sorver, Stevenson and Vanhorn.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Bevan, Boller, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Hagner, Henry, Holman, Lex, Mascher, Mecutchen, Miller, Mc Manus, Owen, Porter, Wright and Patterson, President.

Yeas 16. Nays 19.

A quorum of members not having voted,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Parker

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the Bill for the present,

Agreed to.

Mr. Northrop,

On leave granted,

Presented a communication from Messrs. Strickland Kneass and John McCarthy, in relation to the erection of a Bridge, at Girard Avenue and the Reading Rail Road Bridge, in accordance with Resolution of Councils. (Appendix No. 155.)

Referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

The President

Presented the following communication from the Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
February 9th, 1857.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN—

The following Ordinances have been approved and signed, viz :

On the 9th inst, An Ordinance to make appropriations out of certain Trust Funds to the Superintendent of Trusts, for the purposes therein named.

On the 9th inst, An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of Managers of Wills Hospital, for the use of said Hospital for the year 1857.

On the 9th inst., An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Superintendent of Trusts for the purposes therein mentioned.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Also,

A Communication from R. L. West, Superintendent of City Rail Road, asking for an Appropriation to defray the extra expenses of labor occasioned by the late storm. (Appendix No. 156.)

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 12th, 1857.

Council met.

The President in the Chair.

Members present,

Messrs. Alexander,
Baird,
Baker, A. J.,
Baker, Abraham,
Barber,
Bevan,
Boller,
Booth,
Borie,
Bradford,
Bremer,
Bromley,
Brown, Benjamin H.
Brown, M. C.
Brouse,
Butler,
Catherwood,
Craven,
Davis,
Deal, J. F.,
Deal, William,
Dougherty,
Elliott,
Fitler,
Ford,
Geiss,
Hagner,
Hassinger,

Messrs. Henry,
Holman,
Horrocks,
Hubbard,
Jackson,
Kelly,
Kershaw,
King,
Leech,
Lex,
Lindsay,
Martin,
Mascher,
Mecutchen,
Melloy,
Miller,
Monaghan,
Murphy,
McCleary,
McMakin,
McManus,
McNeal,
Northrop,
O'Neill,
Owen,
Parker,
Porter,
Ridgway,

Messrs. Robb,
Roberts, Spencer,
Roberts, T. J.
Snyder,
Sorver,
Stevenson,

Messrs. Vanhorn,
Vogdea,
Welsh,
Winship,
Wright,
Patterson, President.

The Clerk

Having commenced reading the Journal,

Mr. Mascher

Moved to dispense with the further reading thereof.

Agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty

Presented a remonstrance from Citizens of the Seventh Division First Ward, protesting against a Division of the same.

Mr. Lindsay,

A petition from Citizens of the Seventh Division First Ward, asking for a Division of the same.

Which were referred to the Special Committee on the subject.

Mr. Borie,

One from the Franklin Hose Company, asking a donation of \$ 500. towards procuring a Suction Engine.

Also,

One of like import from Citizens of the First Fire District.

Mr. McMakin,

One from the Vigilant Engine Company, asking for an extra appropriation.

Mr. Mecutchen,

One from the William Penn Hose Company, asking for a change of location of Signal Box No. 63.

Which were referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Northrop,

One from George Harding, asking authority to construct a Culvert from his residence to the Culvert at the corner of Fourth and Spruce Streets.

Mr. O'Neill,

One from owners of property on and near the Cohocksink Creek, between Second and Third Street, asking that that the same may be Culverted.

Which were referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Mr. Mascher,

One from Citizens, asking that the Lafayette Hose Company may be admitted into the Fire Department.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Bremer,

One from Charles Bird, asking that expenses incurred in consequence of sale of certain property on a Judgment in favor of the City, may be refunded.

Mr. Booth,

One from John Adams, asking allowance for disadvantages occasion by incumbrances on certain Real Estate purchased by him at the late sale by the City.

Also,

One of like import from C. Colket.

Which were referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Hagner,

A communication from the City Commissioners containing a statement of the Assessment of the City for the year 1857.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Bromley,

One from citizens of the Twenty-first Ward, asking for a Lamp to be located on Cotton street, Manayunk.

Mr. Melloy,

One from owners of property on Marshall street, between Poplar street and Girard Avenue, asking that Gas Lamps may be placed on said street.

Which were referred to the Committee on Police.

Also,

One from Charles H. Scott and James Russel, asking that Scott street may be graded.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Miller,

One from Mary McKenny, asking for a Conveyance of certain premises at the late sale of City Property.

Referred to the Committee on City Property.

The President

Presented a communication from the Controller of Public Schools, submitting Resolutions requesting Councils to make a special appropriation for repairs to the High School, and to add to the estimate for the Fourth Section, an amount sufficient for the purpose of placing Furnaces in the Ringgold School House.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Hagner,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

Reported a communication from the Secretary of the Guardians of Poor, asking for an additional appropriation to meet the expenses of 1856. (Appendix No. 157.)

Referred to the Committee on Poor.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to suspend the order of the day to proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 70, Common Council File.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Mecutchen,

Chairman of the Joint Committee on cash account of the City Treasurer, submitted a report. (Appendix No. 158.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. Alexander,

Offered the following Joint Resolution :

Resolved, That we believe it to be for the best interest of the General Government, and essential to the proper protection of the Commerce of the Country, that the Bill now before Congress for Building 10 Steam Sloops of War should become a Law.

Resolved, That the members of our State Legislature be desired to instruct our Senators and request our Representatives in Congress to give their support to said Bill.

Resolved, That copies of these Resolutions be transmitted to our Representatives in the State Legislature, and our immediate Representatives in Congress.

Mr. Kelly

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the First Resolution,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Northrop and McCleary,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Abraham Baker, Bevan, Boller, Bradford, Brouse, Catherwood, Craven, William Deal, Dougherty, Fitler, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman, Hubbard, Jackson, Kelly, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Melloy, Miller, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeill, O'Neill, Owen, Porter, Ridgway, Robb, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Wright and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Elliott, King, Leech, Mecutchen and Northrop.

Yeas 39. Nays 5.

It was agreed to.

The Second and Third Resolutions were adopted.

Mr. Northrop

Presented the following :

Mr. Northrop votes "nay" because he does not consider the subject matter proper for the consideration of Councils.

GEORGE NORTHROP.

February 12th, 1857.

Mr. Porter

Offered the following :

Resolved, That Select Council be informed that Common Council will meet them in Joint Convention this day at 5 o'clock, P. M., (Thursday, February, 12th 1857,) for the purpose of electing a member of the Board of Health for the Second Ward.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Mascher,

Offered the following:

Resolved, That when this Council adjourn, it be to

meet again on Monday next at 3 o'clock, P. M., and that the appropriation Bills be the order for that day.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. McManus

Offered the following:

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils, that the Department of Surveys be directed to adjust the grades of York, Cumberland, Huntingdon, Somerset, and Clearfield streets, as well as Lehigh and Alleghany Avenues, to conform with the elevation of the Bridges erected at the intersections of said streets and Avenues, with Gunners Run Canal.

Mr. McManus

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. Abraham Baker

Moved to postpone the consideration of the Resolution for the present.

Not agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Owen

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 70, Common Council File, "To make an appropriation to the Department of the Guardians of the Poor, for the year 1857."

Agreed to.

The question being on the Fourth Division of the motion of Mr. Stevenson, "to strike out of Item 73, \$312, and insert "\$200."

It was agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to strike out Item 76, "for expenses on account of support and bastardy cases, "\$9500."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to further amend the same Item, by striking out "\$9500," and inserting "\$7500."

Agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to amend the 65th Item, "for salaries of the out door Visitors \$5400," so as to read "\$3000."

Mr. Owen

Moved the previous question and was sustained in the call by the following members rising in their places, to wit :

Messrs. Owen, McManus, Welsh, William Deal, Borie, Alexander, Melloy, Jackson, Vogdes, Lindsay, Porter, Mc Cleary, Lex, Monaghan and Bremer.

And on the question "shall the main question be now put?"

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Northrop and Parker,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Borie, Bremer, Brouse, William Deal, Jackson, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, Mc Cleary, McMakin, McManus, Owen, Porter, T. J. Roberts, Vogdes, and Welsh.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barber, Bevan, Booth, Bradford, Bromley, Benjamin H.

Brown, M. C. Brown, Butler, Craven, J. F. Deal, Elliott, Fitler, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Horrocks, Hubbard, Kelly, Kershaw, King, Lindsay, Mascher, Mecutchen, Murphy, McNeal, Northrop, O'Neill, Parker, Ridgway, Robb, Spencer Roberts, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Winship, Wright and Patterson, President.

Yeas 17. Nays 42.

Not agreed to.

The amendment of Mr. Stevenson,

Was agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to amend the 77th Item, by striking out "\$750," and inserting "\$450."

Agreed to.

Mr. King

Moved to amend the Section as follows :

By inserting after "dollars" in the 128th line, "provided further, that no appropriation herein made shall be applied to the payment of indebtedness created by said Board of Guardians, before the first day of January, 1857; and any Bill which shall accompany any Warrant drawn on said appropriation shall distinctly set forth the time when the indebtedness, was contracted, for which such Warrant was drawn."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Hagner

Moved to amend the First Section by striking out "\$233,992," and inserting "\$223,410."

Agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to amend by adding a new Section to be Section 2, as follows:

SECT. 2.—That the number of Visitors of the Poor for the distribution of out door relief shall not exceed in number six and at a yearly salary not exceeding for each, the sum of five hundred dollars, and the further sum of four hundred dollars for Office Rent and all other expenses attending said six Visitors. And so much of an Ordinance entitled an Ordinance to organize the Department of the Poor approved March, 8th 1855, which is altered or supplied by this Ordinance be and the same is hereby repealed.

Not agreed to.

The First Section as amended was agreed to.

The Second Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Bill No. 68, Common Council File, "To make an appropriation to the Department of City Property for the year 1857, being under consideration,"

Mr. Hagner

Moved to amend the First Section as follows, strike out Item 5, and insert the following:

Item 5. For the salaries of the Superintendent of Independence Hall and the Superintendents of Spring Garden, Kensington, Germantown, West Philadelphia, Moyamensing Halls and the City Law Building, twenty-five hundred and forty dollars.

Agreed to.

Mr. Hagner

Moved to amend the Section by adding thereto as follows:

Item 28.—For the salary of the Janitor of the Grand and Petit Jury Rooms in the City Law Building, six hundred dollars.

Agreed to.

Mr. Hagner

Moved to further amend the Section by adding thereto as follows :

Item 29.—To pay small Bills incurred in the year 1856, one hundred and sixty seven dollars, and thirty-two cents.

Agreed to.

Mr. Kelly

Moved to amend as follows, add after the 30th line, "For the improvement of Jefferson Square, \$ 500."

Agreed to.

Mr. T. J. Roberts

Moved to amend in the 28th line as follows, strike out "\$1500," and insert "\$3000."

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to amend the amendment by striking out "three" and inserting "five."

Not agreed to.

The motion of Mr. Roberts was agreed to.

Mr. Hagner

Moved to amend the First Section by striking out "\$54,220.25," and inserting "\$57,327.57."

Agreed to.

The First Section as amended was agreed to.

Mr. Hagner

Moved to reconsider the vote by which the First Section was adopted.

Agreed to.

Mr. Hagner

Moved to strike out "23" in the 61st line.

Agreed to.

The Section as amended was agreed to.

The Second Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Bill No. 72, Common Council File, "To make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers and cleaning the City, for the year 1857," being under consideration,

Mr. Miller

Moved to amend the 14th Item, line 24, Section 1, by adding "and Bridging" after grading.

Agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to amend the Section by adding as follows:

Item 24.—For numbering Houses; to pay temporary "Purveyors of Numbers," to be appointed by the Chief Commissioner by authority hereof, \$3,000.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Lex and Parker,

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barber, Bevan, Booth, M. C. Brown, Catherwood, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Jackson, Kelly, King, Lex, Lindsay, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Murphy, McMakin, O'Neill, Parker, T. J. Roberts, Vogdes and Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Bromley, Benjamin H. Brown, Butler, Craven, William Deal, Dougherty, Elliott, Ford, Hubbard, Miller, McManus, McNeal, Porter, Robb, Sorver, Stevenson, Winship and Patterson, President.

Yeas 28. Nays 18.

It was agreed to.

Mr. Barber

Moved to further amend the Section by adding as follows:

Item 25.—For Building Wing Walls and Grading at Franklin Avenue Bridge, over Gunners Run, \$2000.

Agreed to.

Mr. Craven

Moved to amend the First Section by striking out “\$67,500,” and inserting “\$72,500.”

Agreed to.

The First Section as amended was agreed to.

The Second Section was agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to reconsider the vote by which the First Section was agreed to.

Not agreed to.

The Third Section was agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to amend by adding a new Section as follows:

SECT. 4.—Warrants for the foregoing appropriation shall be drawn in conformity with existing ordinances.

Agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Bill No. 73, Common Council File, "To make an appropriation to the Department of Surveys for the year 1857," being under consideration,

Mr. Leech

Moved to amend the First Section by striking out in the 23d Item, "\$500" and inserting "\$1500."

Mr. Parker

Moved to postpone the consideration of the Bill for the present.

Not agreed to.

The motion of Mr. Leech was agreed to.

Mr. Northrop

Moved to amend Item 3, by striking out "\$ 800" and inserting "\$1000."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Hagner

Moved to amend the First Section by striking out after 2d line "one" and insert "two."

Agreed to.

The First Section as amended was agreed to.

The Second Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Select Council

Informed, That they have concurred in the Bill "To make an appropriation to the Department for supplying the

City with Water for the year 1857, and to pay debts contracted in previous years," with the following amendments, to wit:

Strike out "Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6," in the first Section, and insert "Item 1, For the Salary of the Chief Engineer, Register, Chief Clerk, three Permit Clerks, four Inspectors, four Purveyors, and Messenger, thirteen thousand three hundred and fifty dollars.

Change Item 7 to Item 2.

Strike out Item 8, 9 and 10, and insert Item 3, For the Salaries of Engineer and Assistants, and Watchmen, including House rent for Engineer at Fairmount Works, two thousand seven hundred dollars.

Strike out Item 11, 12, and 13, and insert Item 4, For the Salaries of two Engineers, four Firemen, and two Watchmen, including House rent for Engineers at Delaware Works, four thousand nine hundred dollars.

Strike out Item 14, 15, 16 and 17, and insert Item 5, For the Salaries of two Engineers, two Assistants, ten Firemen, and one Watchman, at Schuylkill Works, seven thousand three hundred dollars.

Strike out Item 18 and 19, and insert Item 6, For the Salaries of two Engineers and two Firemen at the twenty-fourth Ward Works, including House rent for Engineers, twenty-four hundred dollars.

Change Item 20 to Item 7,

Change Item 21 to Item 8,

Change Item 22 to Item 9,

Change Item 23 to Item 10,

Change Item 24 to Item 11,

Change Item 25 to Item 12,

Change Item 26 to Item 13,

Change Item 27 to Item 14,

Change Item 28 to Item 15,

And to add after Item 15, as amended, Items 12, 13, 14 and 15, including Oil for Lighting the Works.

Change item 29 to item 16.

"	30	"	17.
"	31	"	18.
"	32	"	19.
"	33	"	20.
"	34	"	21.
"	35	"	22.
"	36	"	23.
"	37	"	24.
"	38	"	25.
"	39	"	26.
"	40	"	27.
"	41	"	28.

Strike out Item 42 and insert item 29. For connecting the water pipes in the Fifteenth Ward with the water main on Thompson street, five thousand dollars.

Add to end of SEC. 1, "Provided, That no contracts shall be entered into for work, supplies or materials contemplated by items 7, 8, 9, 10, 22, 23 and 29, unless by special authority from City Councils.

Amend SEC. 2, by striking out "Robinson" and inserting "Robeson," and adding after the word "damage" the word "sustained;" and to strike out the words "And be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid."

Amend SEC. 3, by striking out the words "and be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid." And to strike out "for" after the word contracted, in the fifth line of said section, and also the words "and without authority of law or ordinance;" also, strike out "nine thousand two hundred and forty-three dollars and thirty-four cents," and insert "nine thousand two hundred and seventeen dollars and twelve cents."

Strike out, in item 6, "fifty-two dollars and forty-four cents," and insert "twenty-six dollars and twenty-two cents."

Also,

That they have concurred in the Bill "To make an appropriation for furnishing Gas, and Lighting, Extinguishing Cleansing and Repairing the Public Lamps, and for the erection of New Lamps for the year 1857." with the following amendments, to wit:

In the second line of the first item, strike out the word "now."

Strike out the first and second lines of item 2, and insert "For furnishing gas and lighting lamps that may be erected during the year."

Strike out the first and second lines of item 3d, and insert "For new lamps which may be erected during the year."

Also,

That they have concurred in the Bill "To make an appropriation to the Department of Police for the year 1857," with the following amendments, to wit:

Strike out all after the enacting clause, and insert "That the sum of three hundred and ninety-five thousand two hundred and twelve dollars be, and the same are hereby appropriated for the payment of the expenses of the Police Department for the year 1857, as follows:

1. For the Salary of the Mayor's Clerk, Marshal's Clerk, Chief of Police and Clerk, High Constables, Special Officers, Messengers, Lieutenants and Sergeants of Police, and Policemen, three hundred and seventy-one thousand one hundred and fifty dollars.

2. For Rent of Station Houses and Water Rent, nine hundred and eighty-five dollars.

3. For Fuel and Gas, two thousand three hundred and sixty-five dollars.

4. For carrying Prisoners, by Van or otherwise, to and from Station Houses, five thousand dollars.

5. For cleansing Station Houses, rooms and cells, two thousand six hundred and fifty-two dollars.

6. For meals for prisoners and medical attendance, five hundred and fifty dollars.

7. For Repairs to Station Houses and Furniture, nine hundred dollars.

8. For Stationery and printing blanks for Mayor, Marshal, and Lieutenants of Police, one thousand five hundred and sixty dollars.

9. For arrest and trial of offenders, and foreign telegraphic expenses, one thousand two hundred dollars.

10. For mattresses and bedding, badges and rattles, eight hundred dollars.

11. For stoves and heaters, and repairs to same, one thousand one hundred dollars.

12. Postages, portrages, and incidental expenses, three hundred and fifty dollars.

13. For expenses of taking up and killing dogs, two thousand dollars.

14. For salary of the Superintendent and Assistant of Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph, one thousand seven hundred dollars.

15. For Acids, repairs and alterations, five hundred dollars.

16. For Ice for Mayor's office, Marshal's Office, and sixteen station houses, four hundred dollars.

17. For expenses to be incurred in procuring evidence, and in the investigation of alleged violations of law, two thousand dollars.

SECT. 2. That the further sum of fifteen thousand and sixteen dollars and twenty-seven cents be and the same is hereby appropriated to pay certain deficiencies on account of the appropriation of 1856.

SECT. 3. That warrants for the said appropriation shall be drawn by the Mayor in manner and form as set forth in existing ordinances.

Also,

That they have concurred in the Bill "To make an appropriation to the Department of the City Controller for the year 1857," with the following amendments,

Strike out items "2, 3, 4 and 6," and insert item "2, for Salaries of Chief Clerk, Assistant Clerks, and Messenger, as regulated by Councils, nine thousand and thirty three dollars and thirty-three cents,"

Strike out item "5" and insert item "3, for temporary Clerk Hire, twenty-five hundred dollars,"

Item "7" to read item "4."

Item "8" to read item "5," and insert "thirteen hundred and fifty dollars," instead of "two thousand."

Item "9" to read item "6."

Item "10" to read item "7."

Amend the third and fourth lines, by inserting "sixteen thousand three hundred and eighty-three dollars and thirty-three cents," instead of "thirteen thousand three hundred and sixty-six dollars and sixty-six cents."

Also,

That they have passed a Bill to make an appropriation to the Department of the City Commissioners for purposes therein mentioned.

Which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

Have passed a Resolution directing the Department of Highways to issue proposals for the construction of a certain culvert on Twenty-first street and Pennsylvania Avenue, and over Cohocksink Creek.

Referred to Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Also,

A Resolution to complete the grading of Bolton street.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

That they have passed a Resolution to meet Common Council in Joint Convention on Thursday, February 19th 1857, at 5 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of electing a member of the Board of Health for the Second Ward.

Mr. Kelly

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, February 16th, 1857.

Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the Chair.

Members present,

Messrs. Alexander,	Messrs. King,
Baird,	Leech,
Baker, Abraham,	Lex,
Barber,	Mascher,
Bevan,	Mecutchen,
Boller,	Melloy,
Booth,	Miller,
Borie,	Murphy,
Boyle,	McMakin,
Bradford,	McManus,
Bromley,	McNeal,
Brown, Benjamin H.	Northrop,
Brouse,	O'Neill,
Butler,	Owen,
Catherwood,	Parker,
Deal, J. F.,	Porter,
Deal, William,	Ridgway,
Dutton,	Robb,
Fitler,	Roberts, T. J.,
Ford,	Roberts, C. B.,
Hagner,	Schofield,
Hassinger,	Sorver,
Henry,	Stevenson,
Holman,	Vanhorn,
Horrocks,	Vogdes,
Iseminger,	Welsh,
Jackson,	Winship,
Kelly,	Wright,

Patterson, President.

Mr. Parker

Presented a communication from Citizens of the 12th Ward complaining of the impurity of the Schuylkill water.

Referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Mascher

Presented sundry Bills due for repairs done and materials furnished to Market Houses.

Referred to the Committee on Markets.

Bill No. 75, Common Council File "to make an appropriation to the Board of Controllers of Public Schools, for the year 1857," being under consideration,

Mr. Henry

Moved that Council resolve itself into Committee of the whole, to consider the Bill.

Not agreed to.

Mr. King

Offered the following amendment to the First Section, as follows:

Insert after the word "dollars" in the 283d line "and that the proportion which the City of Philadelphia shall be entitled to receive of any money which may be appropriated during the year 1857, by the General Assembly of the State of Pennsylvania for the support of the Common Schools of the said state, be and the same is hereby appropriated to the said Controllers for the purpose of building school houses. Provided that no contract shall be entered into or other act done by said Controllers in reference to building school houses until such an appropriation shall have been made by the said General Assembly."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Barber and Ridgway,

And being ordered were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Barber, Bevan, Booth, Bromley, Benjamin H. Brown, Butler, Catherwood, Dutton, Holman, Iseminger, Kelly, King, Melloy, Murphy, O'Neill, Owen, Porter, Ridgway, Schofield and Vogdes.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Abraham Baker, Boller, Borie, Brouse, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Fitler, Ford, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Horrocks, Mascher, Meeutchen, Miller, McMakin, McNeal, C. B. Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Welsh, Wright and Patterson, Pres't.

Yeas 21. Nays 26.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Hagner

Moved to amend by inserting after the word "District" in the fifth line as follows, "and the sum hereby appropriated includes the amount paid and to be paid by the Commonwealth during the present year, for the use of the Public Schools in the First School District."

Agreed to.

Mr. Henry

Moved to amend in the 10th line by striking out the words "salary of house cleaner," and inserting "superintendence and cleaning."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Hagner

Moved to amend in the 13th line by striking out "200" and inserting "700."

Agreed to.

Mr. Henry

Moved to amend in the 30th line by striking out "1000" and inserting "500."

Not agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to strike out in the 35th line, viz. "Clerk hire fifty dollars."

Not agreed to.

Mr Kelly

Moved to amend by adding as follows, to come in after the 45th line, "For the erection of a new Grammer School in the Second Section, \$ 15,000.00."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to amend in the 129th line by striking out "\$ 2,000," and inserting "4,000."

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the Bill and refer it to the Committee on Schools, and that they be requested to furnish Councils with a statement showing the location of each school house and what ground or other rent is payable on each, and also the number of stoves required this year, and whether it would not be advisable to dispense with the system of heating the school houses by heaters.

Not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion of Mr. Mascher,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Fitler and Mascher,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Barber, Booth, Boric, Boyle, Butler, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dutton, Holman, Horrocks, Kelly, King, Mascher, Murphy, O'Neill, Stevenson, Vogdes and Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Abraham Baker, Bevan, Boller, Bradford, Bromley, Benj. H. Brown, Fitler, Ford, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Iseminger, Jackson, Lex, Mecutchen, Melloy, Miller, McMakin, McNeal, Northrop, Owen, Porter, C. B. Roberts, Schofield, Sorver, Vanhorn, Welsh, Wright and Patterson, President.

Yeas 19. Nays 30.

Not agreed to.

Mr. King

Moved to amend as follows, insert after the 154th line the words, "for erecting a school house, \$ 15,000."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Barber

Moved to amend in line 200 as follows, strike out "500" and insert "700."

Agreed to.

Mr. Holman

Moved to amend in line 210 by striking out "\$300" and insert "\$600."

Agreed to.

Mr. Horrocks

Moved to amend line 151, by striking out "\$275" and inserting "\$675."

Agreed to.

Mr. Vogdes

Moved to amend line 261, by striking out "\$225" and insert "\$725."

Agreed to.

Mr. Barber

Moved to add as follows: "line 284; for building school houses, \$ 30,000.00."

Mr. Kelly

Moved to amend the amendment as follows: "for the erection of new School Houses in locations to be selected by the Board of Controllers of Public Schools of the First School District of Pennsylvania, \$ 30,000.00."

Not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion of Mr. Barber,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. King and Barber,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Barber, Booth, Boyle, Bromley, Benjamin H. Brown, J. F. Deal, Dutton, Holman, Jackson, Kelly, King, Murphy, O'Neill, Owen, Parker, Porter Vanhorn and Vogdes.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Abraham Baker, Boller, Brouse, Butler, William Deal, Ford, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Horrocks, Lex, Mascher, Mecutehen, Miller, McManus, McNeal, Northrop, Robb, C. B. Roberts, Schofield, Sorver, Stevenson, Winship, Wright and Patterson, President.

Yeas 18. Nays 26.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Booth

Moved to amend as follows, to come in at the end of the Section, "Porterage for Books, Carriage Hire, Gas Bill and Incidentals, one thousand dollars."

Agreed to.

Mr. Owen

Moved to amend in the 273d line, by striking out "\$ 30,000 " and inserting "\$ 35,000.00."

Agreed to.

Mr. Barber

Moved to amend as follows, to come in at the end of the section, "for additional repairs to Normal School House \$ 400."

Agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Moved to strike out the 274th and 275th lines and insert in lieu thereof as follows: "for salary of Secretary \$ 1,000."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Booth and O'Neill,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Abraham Baker, Boyle, Bradford, Bromley, Brouse, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dutton, Iseminger, Mascher, Mecutchen, Miller, McMakin, McNeal, Northrop, Porter, Robb, C. B. Roberts, Sorver, Stevenson, Vogdes, Wright and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Barber, Boller, Booth, Benjamin H. Brown, Ford, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Kelly, Lex, McManus, O'Neill, Owen, Parker, Schofield and Winship.

Yeas 24. Nays 18.

Agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Moved to amend as follows, to come in at the end of the section:

“And that the further sum of two thousand five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated, that the sum of fifty dollars may be added to the annual salary of the principal teacher of each Secondary School.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. O'Neill and Holman,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Barber, Bradford, J. F. Deal, Holman, Mecutchen, Miller, McMakin, O'Neill, Robb, C. B. Roberts and Vogdes.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Abraham Baker, Boller, Boyle, Bromley, Brouse, William Deal, Dutton, Ford, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Horrocks, Iseminger, Kelly, Lex, Mascher, McManus, McNeal, Northrop, Owen, Parker, Porter, Schofield, Sorver, Stevenson, Wright and Patterson, President.

Yeas 12. Nays 28.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Kelly

Moved to adjourn.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Hagner

Moved to amend the 2d and 3d lines, by striking out "\$ 484,650 " and inserting "\$482,350."

Mr. Porter

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 19th, 1857.

Council met.

The President in the Chair.

Members present,

Messrs. Alexander,
Baird,
Baker, A. J.,
Baker, Abraham,
Barber,
Bevan,
Boller,
Booth,
Borie,
Boyle,
Bradford,
Bremer,
Brown, Benjamin H.
Brouse,
Butler,
Catherwood,
Crease,
Craven,
Deal, William,
Dougherty,
Dutton,
Elliott,
Fitler,
Ford,
Geiss,
Hagner,
Harper,
Hassinger,

Messrs. Henry,
Holman,
Horrocks,
Hubbard,
Iseminger,
Jackson,
Kelly,
Kershaw,
King,
Leech,
Lex,
Lindsay,
Marsh,
Martin,
Mascher,
Mecutchen,
Melloy,
Mickle,
Miller,
Monaghan,
Murphy,
McCleary,
McMakin,
McManus,
McNeal,
Northrop,
O'Neill,
Owen,

Messrs. Parker,	Messrs. Slocum,
Porter,	Snyder,
Ridgway,	Stevenson,
Robb,	Vanhorn,
Roberts, C. B.	Vogdes,
Roberts, Spencer,	Welsh,
Roberts, T. J.	Winship,
Schofield,	Wright,
Patterson, President.	

The Clerk commenced reading the Journal.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to dispense with the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill

On leave granted, offered the following :

Resolved, That the Clerk furnish each member of Common Council with a copy of the Digest of the Ordinances as published by Councils.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved that the Resolution be referred to the Committee on Law.

Agreed to.

Mr. Iseminger

Presented a petition from Citizens asking for the appropriation of Funds to build one or more Ice Boats for the river Delaware.

Referred to the Committee on Port Wardens.

Also,

Petitions from owners of property on Church street from Bentons Lumber Yard to Mifflin street, and Lancaster street from Reed street to Greenwich, in the First Ward, asking that water pipes may be laid therein.

Mr. Miller,

One of like import from owners of property on Wallace street between Fifteenth and Sixteenth.

Mr. Wright,

One of like import from owners and occupants of property on Seventeenth street from Ridge Avenue to Girard Avenue.

Mr. Hassinger,

A communication from the Chief Engineer of the Water Department in reference to the damage done to the Fairmount Dam by the late freshet.

Which were referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Alexander,

A petition from owners of property and business men of the First Ward, asking for an appropriation to the Shiffler Hose Company.

Referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Lex,

One from owners of property on Delaney Place between Eighteenth and Nineteenth and Spruce and Pine streets, asking permission to use a certain width of pavement for ornamental purposes.

Also,

One from owners of property on the line of Schuylkill Avenue from Grays Ferry to the Fish House Lane, asking that the same may be opened and graded.

Mr. Iseminger,

One from owners of property on Seventh street between Morris and Franklin streets in the First Ward, asking that the same may be graded.

Mr. McManus,

One of like import from owners of property and residents on Cherry street between Frankford Road and Howard street.

Mr. Jackson,

A communication from Samuel H. Breamer & Co., asking to be released with his sureties from his contract for cleansing the Eighth District.

Mr. Wright,

A petition from owners of property on Seventeenth from Ridge Avenue to Girard Avenue, asking that the same may be paved.

Mr. Spencer Roberts,

One from owners of property on and adjacent to the line of Green street in the Twenty-second Ward, asking that the same may be graded from Queen to School street.

Mr. Boyle,

One from owners of property on Fairview street from Nineteenth to Twentieth street between Hamilton and Green.

Mr. Butler,

Presented a communication from a committee of the Vestry of St. Stephen's Church, in Tenth street, between Chesnut and Market streets, complaining of the condition of the Alleys in the rear and on each side of the Church.

Mr. Crease,

A Petition from from owners of property on Gold st. from Pennsylvania Avenue to Twenty-third street, and on Twenty-third street, from Spring Garden to Coates street, asking permission to pave the same at their own expense.

Mr. T. J. Roberts,

One from owners of property in Twenty-second Ward asking that Armat street, between Wilson street and Willow Avenue, may be graded.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Stevenson,

A communication from Messrs. Spain & Rice, submitting a proposal for numbering houses, as required by Ordinance.

Referred to the Special Committee on that subject.

Mr. Craven,

Presented a Bill from J. H. Pugh & Co., for work done to public buildings.

Mr. Hagner,

One from Hugh McIlvain, for Laths furnished the City.

Which were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Hagner,

A Petition from Abraham Myers, Regulator of Weights and Measures, asking for an appropriation for a Standard Regulating Beam.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. O'Neill,

One from certain Practitioners of Medicine, in the northern part of the city, calling immediate attention to the filthy condition of the Cohocksink creek, and asking that the same may be culverted.

Also,

One of like import from property holders and residents on and near the Cohocksink creek.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to refer the petitions to a special committee.

Agreed to.

Messrs. O'Neill, B. H. Brown and Schofield, were appointed the committee.

Mr. King,

One from Robert M'Call, asking for amount due as Police Officer.

Referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Crease,

Nine from Citizens of the late Borough of Manayunk in the Twenty-first Ward, asking for a uniform charge for gas.

Referred to the Committee on Gas Works.

Mr. Butler,

One from Citizens of the Fifth Division, Eighth Ward, asking for a division of the same.

Referred to the Committee on Law.

The President

Presented a communication from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, reporting the Spring Garden, West Philadelphia and Independence Engine Company and the Union, Diligent, West Philadelphia and Good Will Hose and Mantua Hook and Ladder Companies, for violating the Ordinance regulating the Department. (Appendix No. 159.)

Also,

A communication from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, asking for proper protection of the firemen while in active service from interruption and intrusion. (Appendix No. 160.)

Which were referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Also,

A petition from Edward C. Graeff, Esq., Attorney for property holders on Richmond street, asking that a dwelling house which projects over the line of said street may be removed.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Select Council

Informed Common Council that they had passed a Resolution to meet them in Convention at 5 o'clock, P. M., this day, for the purpose of electing a member of the Board of Health for the Second Ward.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved that Common Council concur.

Mr. Miller

Moved to amend the Resolution by adding "and 3d," after the word "second," and add the letter "s" to the word "Ward," in the last line.

Agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to reconsider the vote by which the motion of Mr. Miller was adopted.

Agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to refer the whole subject to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Owen

Called the previous question and was sustained in the call by the following members rising in their places, to wit:

Messrs. Owen, Lex, Jackson, Melloy, Holman, Kershaw, Lindsay, Mecutchen, Porter, Winship, Ford, Geiss and Dutton.

And on the question "shall the main question be now put?"

It was agreed to.

The main question being on the motion of Mr. Stevenson, to refer the subject to the Committee on Law.

It was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion of Mr. Miller,

It was agreed to.

The Resolution as amended was adopted.

The President presented the following communication from the Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
February 16th, 1857.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :—

The Joint Resolution accepting the services of the Cohocksink Hose Company and admitting it into the Fire Department, having been presented for executive approval, and fifteen days thereafter having transpired without such approval, it has become a Law by virtue of the provision of the 7th Section of the Act of the General Assembly, approved April 21st, A. D., 1855.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Mr. Hagner,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

Reported as committed the Ordinance of Common Council, to make appropriation for furnishing gas, lighting, extinguishing, cleaning and repairing the Public Lamps, and

for the erection of new lamps for the year 1857, as amended by Select Council, and recommend that Common Council concur. (Appendix No. 161.)

Laid on the table.

Also,

Submitted a report with a Resolution that Common Council non-concur in the amendments by Select Council to Bill No. 59, Common Council File, to make an appropriation to the Department of Police for the year 1857. (Appendix No. 162.)

Mr. Hagner,

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the Resolution,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Leech and King,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Abraham Baker, Barber, Bevan, Boller, Booth, Boyle, Bremer, Bromley, Benjamin H. Brown, Brownholtz, Butler, Catherwood, Crease, Craven, Davis, William Deal, Dutton, Elliott, Fitler, Ford, Hagner, Harper, Henry, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, Kershaw, King, Lex, Marsh, Mascher, Meeutchen, Melloy, Mickle, Miller, Monaghan, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, Owen, Parker, Ridgway, Robb, C. B. Roberts, Spenceer Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Snyder, Stevenson and Patterson, President.

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, A. J. Baker, Bradford, Dougherty, Hassinger, Holman, Hubbard, Leech, Lindsay, Murphy, McNeal, O'Neill, Porter, Schofield, Vogdes, Winship and Wright.

Yeas 50. Nays 17.

It was agreed.

Mr. Butler,

Chairman of the Committee on Gas,

Submitted a report on the Public Lighting, for the year 1856. (Appendix No. 163.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. T. J. Roberts,

Chairman of the Committee on City Property,

Submitted a report with a Resolution in relation to the proposed sale of a certain part of Independence Square. (Appendix No. 164.)

Mr. Roberts

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Reported as committed the Resolution from Select Council, to grant the use of a portion of the Buttonwood Street Station House to the Northern Clinical Infirmary. (Appendix No. 165.)

Mr. Roberts

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the Resolution,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Northrop and Ridgway,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Abraham Baker, Barber, Bevan, Boller, Booth, Borie, Boyle, Bradford, Bromley, Benjamin H. Brown, Brownholtz, Catherwood, Crease, Craven,

William Deal, Dutton, Elliott, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, Kershaw, King, Lex, Mecutchen, Melloy, Mickle, Miller, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Parker, Porter, Robb, C. B. Roberts, Spencer Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Vogdes and Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, A. J. Baker, Butler, Dougherty, Lindsay, Mascher, Northrop, Ridgway, Stevenson, Welsh and Patterson, President.

Yeas 46. Nays 11.

It was agreed to.

Mr. Butler

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 54, Common Council File, to make an appropriation for furnishing gas, lighting, extinguishing, cleansing and repairing the Public Lamps, and and for the erection of new Lamps for 1857.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Winship

Chairman of the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department,

Submitted a report with an Ordinance to provide for the care and management of the Steam Fire Engine Young America, and to make an appropriation for the same. (Appendix No. 166.)

Mr. Winship

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker and Ridgway,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, A. J. Baker, Boller, Booth, Borie, Butler, Catherwood, Crease, Craven, William Deal,

Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Jackson, Kershaw, Lex, Mecutchen, Melloy, Miller, McNeal, Parker, Winship and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Barber, Boyle, Bromley, Benjamin H. Brown, Brownholtz, Dougherty, Dutton, Hagner, Iseminger, Kelly, King, Leech, Lindsay, Mascher, Mickle, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, O'Neill, Porter, Ridgway, C. B. Roberts, Stevenson, Vogdes and Welsh.

Yeas 23. Nays 26.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the order of the day to offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, That when this Council adjourn it will be to meet on Tuesday the 24th February, at 3 o'clock.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker and Hagner,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Abraham Baker, Boyle, Bromley, Butler, Catherwood, Craven, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, Kershaw, Lindsay, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Murphy, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Owen, Robb, C. B. Roberts, Stevenson, Vogdes, Welsh and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Barber, Boller, Booth, Borie, Benjamin H. Brown, Crease, Holman, King, Lex, Mickle, Parker and Wright,

Yeas 4. Nays 12.

Agreed to.

The Resolution being read a second time,

Mr. Porter

Moved to amend by striking out "three" and inserting "one."

Agreed to.

Mr. Kelly

Moved to amend by striking out "Tuesday the 24th," and insert "Monday the 23d."

Agreed to.

The Resolution as amended was adopted.

Mr. Leech

Moved to adjourn.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Winship

Chairman of the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department,

Reported as committed the Bill from Select Council, entitled "A supplement to an Ordinance to reorganize the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia," with the following amendment, viz: strike out the words "Joint Committee" where they occur in the second and third Sections, and insert in lieu thereof the words "Committee on Trusts and Fire Department." (Appendix No. 167.)

Mr. Winship

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

Also,

Submitted a report with a Resolution to admit the Kensington Hose Company into the Fire Department. (Appendix No. 168.)

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Not agreed to.

Also,

Submitted a report with "An Ordinance to correct an error in the Ordinance making an appropriation to the Wills Hospital." (Appendix No. 169.)

Mr. Winship

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and only Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Northrop,

Chairman of the Committee on Surveys and Regulations,

Submitted a report with a Resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the remonstrance against the change of grade of Richmond street. (Appendix No. 170.)

Mr. Northrop

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Reported as committed the Resolution from Select Council, authorising advertising for proposals for culverts on Twenty-fifth street and Cohocksink Creek, with the following amendments, to wit: (Appendix No. 171.)

Strike out the words "in the accompanying report for present necessities" and insert in lieu thereof the words "by the Board of Surveyors."

Mr. Northrop

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was twice read and adopted,

Also,

Submitted a report with "An Ordinance to authorize the construction of a certain culvert or Drain on Fourth street between Prune and Spruce streets." (Appendix No. 172.)

Laid on the table.

Also,

A report with a Resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject of the construction of a certain culvert across the property of Joseph Collins and others in the Twenty-fourth Ward. (Appendix No. 173.)

Mr. Northrop

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Owen

Moved to suspend the order of the day and to proceed the consideration of Bill No. 62, Common Council File, to authorize a loan for the purchase of the Gas Works of the

Germantown, Richmond, Kensington, Northern Liberties, Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Companies, for the use of the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works.

Not agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill,

Chairman of the Committee on Law,

Submitted a report with an Ordinance to make an appropriation to Thomas Fletcher. (Appendix No. 174.)

Laid on the Table.

Mr. Mascher,

From the Committee on Markets, reported as committed Item 3, of Bill from Select Council to make an appropriation to pay certain claims against the City. (Appendix No. 175.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. Northrop

Offered the following :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Council, that the Department of Surveys be authorized and is hereby directed to prepare a plan arranging the extension of Powelton Avenue, in such manner that it may cross the River Schuylkill and connect with Callowhill street, at the intersection of Callowhill and Twenty-third streets, 15th Ward.

Mr. Northrop

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Dougherty

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be authorized to grade Christian street, between Eighteenth street and Gray's Ferry Road.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to refer the Resolution to the Committee on Highways.

Agreed to.

Mr. Benjamin H. Brown

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer of the Water Department be and he is hereby authorized and directed to have the water pipe laid in Ash street from Brown street to Duke street in the Eighteenth Ward.

Referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Also,

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the Committee on Police be and they are hereby directed to have a Gas Lamp placed at each end of the Bridge at Gunners Run and Queen street.

Mr. B. H. Brown

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Select Council

Informed that they insist upon their amendments to Common Council Bill, to make an appropriation to the Department of Police, for the year 1857.

Mr. Hagner

Moved that Common Council adhere in their non-conference, and that a Committee of Conference be appointed.

Agreed to.

Whereupon,

The President

Appointed Messrs. Hagner, Craven and Kershaw, a Committee of Conference.

Also,

That they have passed "An Ordinance to authorize the construction of a certain culvert or drain."

Mr. Holman

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Also,

That they have concurred in the Ordinance to make an appropriation for the expenses of the Law Department, for the year 1857.

Also,

Concurred in the Resolution to adjust the grades at the intersection of certain streets and Gunners Run.

Also,

That they have non concurred in the amendments of Common Council, to the Resolution of Select Council, to meet in convention at 5 o'clock, P. M., on the 19th inst. for the purpose of electing a member of the Board of Health for the Second Ward.

Mr. Boller

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, February 23d, 1857.

Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the Chair.

Members present,

Messrs. Alexander,	Messrs. Kelly,
Baird,	Kershaw,
Baker, Abraham,	Lindsay,
Booth,	Mascher,
Borie,	Mickle,
Bradford,	Murphy,
Deal, William,	McMakin,
Elliott,	McNeal,
Ford,	Northrop,
Geiss,	Owen,
Hassinger,	Robb,
Henry,	Vanhorn,
Hubbard,	Wright,
Patterson, President.	

A quorum of members not being present,

Mr. Baird

Moved to adjourn.

Not agreed to.

Mr. McMakin

Moved to take a recess of fifteen minutes.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to amend by striking out "of fifteen minutes" and insert "until 3 o'clock."

Not agreed to.

The motion of Mr. McMakin was not agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to take a recess until 2 o'clock.

Agreed to.

The hour of two having arrived, the President called Council to order,

Members present,

Messrs. Alexander.

Baird,
Baker, Abraham,
Barber,
Bevan,
Booth,
Borie,
Bradford,
Bremer,
Bromley,
Brouse,
Butler,
Catherwood,
Craven,
Deal, William,
Dutton,
Elliott,
Fitler,
Geiss,
Hagner,
Hassinger,
Henry,
Holman,
Hubbard,
Iseminger,
Jackson,
Kelly,

Messrs. Kershaw,

King,
Leech,
Lex,
Lindsay,
Mascher,
McCutchchen,
Melloy,
Mickle,
Miller,
Murphy,
McMakin,
McNeal,
Northrop,
O'Neill,
Owen,
Porter,
Robb,
Roberts, C. B.,
Roberts, Spencer,
Roberts, T. J.,
Slocum,
Sorver,
Stevenson,
Vanhorn,
Vogdes,
Wright,

Patterson, President.

Select Council

Informed that they have concurred in the Bill from Common Council, entitled an Ordinance to make an appro-

priation to the Clerks of Councils for the expenses of Councils for the year 1857, with the following amendments, to wit:

Strike out "five hundred," insert "eight hundred," and add after the word "thousand," in the first line of the first section, the words "three hundred."

Mr. Hagner

Moved that Common Council concur.

Agreed to.

Also,

Informed that they have concurred in the Bill from Common Council, entitled an Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Surveys for the year 1857, with the following amendments,

Strike out "eighteen hundred" from Item 13 and insert "twelve hundred."

Strike out Item 17 and insert "for resurvey and adjustment of grades in Twenty-second Ward, as directed by Resolution of Council, April 17, 1856, for work done in 1856 and to be done in 1857, sixteen hundred dollars."

Strike out "five thousand" in Item 29 and insert "three thousand."

Add the following at end of Section.

Provided that no part of said appropriation for surveys shall be drawn upon until directed by Resolution of Councils; and provided further, that all Bills to be rendered for surveys, shall state distinctly the names of the men engaged in such surveys, the number of days employed and the charge per day for each.

Amend lines 3 and 4 of First Section, by striking out "thirty-two thousand five hundred and ninety four," and inserting "thirty thousand two hundred and ninety four." ...

Mr. Hagner

Moved that Common Council concur.

Agreed to.

Also,

Informed that they have concurred in the Bill from Common Council, entitled an Ordinance "To make an appropriation to the Department of the Receiver of Taxes, for the year 1857," with the following amendments,

Strike out "six thousand eight hundred" in Item 4, and insert "five thousand one hundred,"

Mr. Hagner

Moved that Common Council non-concur.

Agreed to.

Also,

That they have concurred in the Bill from Common Council to make an appropriation to the Trust and Fire Department, for the year 1857, and to pay certain claims incurred during the year 1856, with the following amendments,

Add at the end of Section 2,

To pay Abraham Miller, for Brick and Fire Clay, two dollars and twenty-four cents.

To pay A. L. Crawford for Oil and Brushes, nineteen dollars and seventy-seven cents.

To pay John Agnew for repairs to Steam Fire Engine "Young America," one hundred and eighty-two dollars and fifty cents.

Amend first line of Section 2,

By striking out "fourteen hundred and fifty dollars and one cent" and insert "sixteen hundred and forty-four dollars and fifty-three cents."

Strike out "two thousand" where it appears for the equipping and putting in service the Steam Fire Engine "Young America" and insert "three thousand six hundred."

Strike out from Section 2, in the third and fourth lines the words, "without authority under the direction of a Committee of Councils of 1856."

Strike out the words, "Trusts and," from the Title.

Strike out the words, "forty thousand three hundred and seventy-five" in 2d line of Section 1, and insert "forty-one thousand nine hundred."

Mr. Hagner :

Moved to concur in the amendments with the exception of striking out from section 2, in the third and fourth lines, the words "without authority under the direction of a Committee of Councils of 1856," and to non-concur in that part of the amendments.

Agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendments of Select Council to the Bill, to make an appropriation to the Department of Surveys, for the year 1857, were non-concurred in.

Agreed to.

Mr. Northrop

Moved to amend the amendments of Select Council, by striking out all after the word "provided" to the words "and provided" and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"That no part of said appropriation for surveys shall be expended except in work prosecuted in accordance with a Resolution or Ordinance of Council."

Agreed to.

The amendments as amended were then concurred in.

Also,

Informed that they have concurred in the Bill from Common Council, to make an appropriation to the Board of Health, for the expenses of the year 1857, and the payment of claims for the removal of nuisances in 1856, with the following amendments,

Strike out "six hundred dollars," in Item 5, and insert "twelve hundred dollars."

Strike out Item 33,

Change Item 33 to Item 34,

" 35 " 34,

" 36 " 35, and strike out "twelve thousand," in same Item, and insert "ten thousand."

Change Item 37, to Item 36.

Strike out in the third and fourth lines of the first section, "thirty six thousand six hundred and eighty six dollars" and insert "thirty four thousand nine hundred and thirty five dollars."

Mr. Hagner

Moved to concur in the amendments except those "to strike out \$600 in Item 5, and insert \$1200," and to strike out in the third and fourth lines of the first section, \$ 36,686, and insert \$ 34,935, and to non-concur in these exceptions.

Agreed to.

Also,

Informed that they have concurred in the Bill from Common Council, entitled an Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of City Commissioners, to meet the expenses of that Department, for the year 1857, with the following amendments,

1. Strike out from Item 1, "four thousand three hundred and five and sixty hundreths," and insert "four thousand three hundred and nineteen and forty hundreths."

2. Strike out in Item 2, "nine thousand," and insert "six thousand."

3. Strike out in Item 5, "eight thousand," and insert "five thousand four hundred."

4. Strike out in Item 9, "three thousand," and insert "two thousand."

5. Strike out in Item 12, "eight thousand six hundred and eleven dollars and twenty cents," and insert "nine thousand one hundred and fifty dollars."

6. Strike out in Item 16, "five hundred dollars," and insert "three hundred dollars."

7. Strike out in Item 17, "six hundred," and insert "four hundred."

8. Add after the word "dollars" in Item 14, the words "for the Interpreter to the Court and Grand Jury, four hundred dollars."

9. Strike out all after the word "provided" in the first Proviso, and insert "that no Warrant shall be drawn upon any appropriation for supplies or expenses of the Courts, unless the Bill therefor shall be approved by the Prothonotary of each Court respectively, and by a majority of the Judges thereof."

10. Strike out "twelve thousand one hundred" in Item 32, and insert "twelve thousand four hundred."

11. Strike out "three thousand" in Item 43, and insert "five thousand."

12. Strike out "one thousand" in Item 55, and insert "fifteen hundred."

13. Add at the end of Item 56, the words, "and the credits to which the City is entitled for their labor."

14. Strike out in Item 59, all after the word "children" and insert "to be paid in equal amounts on the first days of June and December, one thousand dollars."

15. Add Section 2. That the further sum of three thousand six hundred and seventy dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the payment of the expense of making out, indexing and comparing the tax duplicates for the year 1857, the said sum being in lieu of the appropriation made by an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance for the better preservation of the records in the Office of the City Commissioners and to limit the expenses of making out Tax Duplicates and to make an appropriation for the same, approved September 6, 1856," and to be applied to

the Wards respectively as therein set forth the said appropriation having merged in consequence of its not having been drawn before the 1st day of January 1857.

16. Add section 3. That the City Commissioners be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to nominate and by and with the advice of the Select Council to appoint a Clerk, whose salary shall be at the rate of six hundred dollars per annum, and that the sum of eight hundred and sixty six dollars and sixty six cents be, and the same is hereby appropriated, for the payment of the salary of said Clerk.

17. Strike out from 2d and 3d line of First Section, "one hundred and sixty seven thousand one hundred and seventy-five dollars and three cents," and insert "one hundred and sixty thousand nine hundred and eighty eight dollars and thirty three cents."

Mr. Hagner

Moved to concur in amendments Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, and 15, and to non-concur in Nos. 2, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, and 17.

Agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to reconsider the vote by which Item 24 was concurred in.

Agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Moved that Common Council non-concur therein.

Agreed to.

Also,

Informed that they have concurred in the Bill from Select Council entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of Guardians of the Poor," with the following amendments,

Strike out "twenty thousand two hundred" in Item 2, and insert "twenty-three thousand," and add after the word "mutton" in the same Item the words "Bacon and Pork."

Strike out "Provisions for the sick and for the nurses table," and insert "marketing and provisions for sick and nurses in Hospital and Lunatic Asylum."

Strike out "five hundred" in Item 39, and insert "three thousand."

Strike out Item 40 and 41.

Item 42 to read 40. Item 43 to read 41.

Item 44 to read 42. Item 45 to read 43.

Item 46 to read 44. Item 47 to read 45.

Item 48 to read 46. Item 49 to read 47.

Item 50 to read 48. Item 51 to read 49.

Item 52 to read 50. Item 53 to read 51, and add between the words "for" and "repairs," the word "manure," and strike out "one hundred" and insert "three hundred."

Item 54 to read 52. Item 55 to read 53.

Item 56 to read 54. Item 57 to read 55.

Item 58 to read 56. Item 59 to read 57.

Item 60 to read 58. Item 61 to read 59.

Item 62 to read 60. Item 63 to read 61.

Item 64 to read 62, and strike out in the same Item, "three thousand," and insert "five thousand four hundred."

Item 65 to read 63, and strike out in same item "one thousand" and insert "nineteen hundred and twenty."

Item 66 to read 64, and strike out in same item "twenty-five hundred" and insert "four thousand four hundred and forty."

Item 67 to read 65. Item 68 to read 66.

Item 69 to read 67. Item 70 to read 68.

Item 71 to read 69. Item 72 to read 70, and strike out from the same Item "two hundred" and insert "three hundred and twelve."

Item 73 to read 71. Item 74 to read 72.

Item 75 to read 73. Item 76 to read 74, and strike out from same Item "four hundred," and insert "seven hundred and fifty."

Item 77 to read 75. Item 78 to read 76.

Item 79 to read 77. Item 80 to read 78.

Item 81 to read 79. Item 82 to read 80.

Item 83 to read 81, and strike out from same Item "one thousand," and insert "fifteen hundred and sixty."

Item 84 to read 82, and strike out from same Item "one thousand," and insert "fifteen hundred."

Add new Item "83, For the removal of non-residents, three hundred dollars."

Strike out Item 85, and insert Item 84, as follows :

"84. For the Relief of the Out-door Poor, as follows :

For the First Poor District,

For Fuel, four thousand seven hundred dollars.

For other purposes, one thousand dollars.

Second Poor District,

For Fuel, three thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars.

For other purposes, twelve hundred and fifty dollars.

Third Poor District,

For Fuel, eight thousand four hundred and fifty dollars.

For other purposes, four thousand three hundred and fifty dollars.

Fourth Poor District,

For Fuel, one thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars.

For other purposes, eight hundred dollars.

Fifth Poor District,

For Fuel, two thousand six hundred and fifty dollars.

For other purposes, one thousand four hundred dollars.

Sixth Poor District,

For Fuel, four thousand three hundred and fifty dollars.

For other purposes, three thousand and fifty dollars.

Seventh Poor District,

For Fuel, one thousand dollars.

For other purposes, seven hundred and fifty dollars.

Eighth Poor District,

For Fuel, seven hundred and fifty dollars.

For other purposes, five hundred and fifty dollars.

Ninth Poor District,

For Fuel, five hundred and fifty dollars.

For other purposes, three hundred and twenty dollars.

Tenth Poor District, Manayunk,

For Fuel, three hundred dollars.

For other purposes, ninety dollars."

Add Section 2, as follows :

"That not more than three fourths of the amount appropriated in the First Section of this Ordinance for the relief of the out door poor shall be expended before the first day of July, 1850, provided that for the purposes of out door relief as contemplated by the First Section, the several Districts as already established by the Board of Guardians, shall be reorganized as fully as if they had been established by Ordinance."

Add Section 3, as follows :

"That the further sum of thirty-six thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight dollars and ninety-four cents be and the same is hereby appropriated to pay deficiencies for the year 1856, as follows :

For Supplies, eighteen thousand and eighty-five dollars and seventy-two cents.

For Medical Department, four thousand one hundred and thirty-six dollars and thirty-eight cents.

For Childrens' Asylum, three hundred and eighteen dollars and forty-seven cents.

For Incidental Expenses, three thousand three hundred and eight dollars and forty-six cents.

For the Manufactory, twelve hundred and twenty-five dollars and fifty-four cents.

For the Farm, three hundred and eighty dollars and seventy-nine cents.

For the Blockley Estate, seven hundred and thirteen dollars and eleven cents.

For Wages, five hundred and eighty two dollars and thirty cents.

For Out-door Relief, seven thousand nine hundred and forty-one dollars and thirty-seven cents.

For the Poor of Manayunk, two hundred and forty-one dollars and twenty cents."

Amend 3d and 4th lines of First Section by striking out "two hundred and twenty-four thousand four hundred and fifty-two."

Section 2, to read Section 4.

Mr. Hagner

Moved to recommit the Bill to the Committee on Finance.

Agreed to.

Also,

Informed that they have concurred in the Bill from Common Council, entitled "an Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of the City Treasurer for the year 1857," with the following amendments,

Strike out Items 2, 3, 4, and 6, and insert "for the salaries of permanent clerks and officers in the Department, four thousand two hundred and fifty dollars."

Strike out "sixteen hundred and fifty dollars," at the end of Item 7, and insert "nineteen hundred and fifty dollars."

Strike out "Treasurer" in the Title, and insert "Treasury."

The President

Presented the following communications from the Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
February 10th, 1857.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :—

A Joint Resolution accepting the services of the Union Fire Co., admitting it into the Fire Department, has been presented for approval. It is with a clear view of the obligations imposed on this Department, that I feel it my duty to differ with your Chamber in its action on this Joint Resolution.

The Fire Department as at present constituted and governed, is fully competent to all the duties required of it. There has been no conflagration in Philadelphia within the past winter which has shown either its inefficiency or weakness. The destruction of property by fire, is frequently less in amount than that injured by water. This fact which few will deny, proves conclusively that the Fire Companies now in the Department are equal to the task of promptly extinguishing the fires that occur.

The present fire force consists of seventy-nine companies, at an annual cost to the City Treasury of nearly \$40,000. There are thirty-three Hose Companies in service. By the Ordinance of March 5th, 1856, these companies are required to carry "at least 800 feet of serviceable hose." If the Fire Department requires this Ordinance to be obeyed, there will be five miles in length of hose ready for use in the seven Fire Districts.

Under the provisions of the Ordinance of January 30th 1855, each Engine Company is required to carry "at least 300 feet of hose." There are about forty Engine Companies whose services are accepted, and if each carries the quantity of hose as regulated by this Ordinance, there would be nearly two miles in length of hose with the Engine Companies in service.

Thus the Department as now constituted should have nearly seven miles in length of hose, ready for use and "serviceable."

It is therefore questionable if the real wants of the public demand an increase in the present fire force.

When the serious disadvantages, which are incident to the increase of the Fire Department are considered, nothing less than a manifest public duty, controlling in its character, should be permitted to establish the policy of augmenting it.

If the District system is rigidly enforced as it ought to be, there does not appear any want of additional companies in the service. It would be far better to request well tried and active companies to change their location, than to run the risk by admitting new associations, of imperilling the public peace and the harmony of the Department. If the Fire Department is to be increased, it requires no prophet to proclaim as a necessary consequence an increased taxation of Real Estate. A large amount of personal property is now untaxed. To save this kind of property requires the greatest exertions of the Fire Department. The proportion of personal property, destroyed by fire and water, bears to the Real Estate, is ascertainable by any casual observer. The stock in Insurance Companies pays no part of the fund expended by the City, for the support of the Fire Department, which thus increases the value of this species of investment. The Real Estate insured, is taxed for the amount of the Insurance, is taxed again for the support of the Fire Department, and if the Department is increased, must necessarily pay a proportionable advance to such increase.

Until the questions thus involved are fully considered and determined, it would be safest to permit the Department to remain with its present number of companies, adding, it may be, to its efficiency, by aiding in new constructions of machinery.

As the legislation necessary to admit fire companies into the Department, is simple and easily it seems obtained; in my judgment no public injury can result by postponing

action thereon, until subjects of pressing public importance are considered and decided.

I therefor return this Joint Resolution without my approval.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
February 10th, 1857.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN:

A Joint Resolution accepting the services of the Independence Hose Co., and admitting it into the Fire Department, has been presented for approval.

Most respectfully permit me to state that the opinions which governed my action on the Joint Resolution, accepting the Union Fire Company, have constrained me to return this Joint Resolution without my approval.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to refer the communications to a Special Committee of five.

Mr. Owen

Moved to lay the whole subject on the table.

Not agreed to.

The motion to refer was agreed to.

The President

Appointed Messrs. Mascher, Hassinger, King, Henry and Northrop, the Committee.

Mr. Butler

Moved to suspend the order of the day to proceed to the consideration of the amendments made by Select Council, to the Ordinance to make an appropriation for furnishing gas, lighting, extinguishing, cleansing and repairing the Public Lamps, and for the erection of new Lamps for the year 1857. (See Appendix No. 161.)

Agreed to.

Mr. Butler

Moved that Council concur.

Agreed to.

Mr. Owen

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the Ordinance, making an appropriation to the Board of Controllers of the Public Schools of the First School District, for the year 1857.

Agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to reconsider the vote by which the lines 274 and 275 of Section 1, were stricken out.

Agreed to.

The question being on the amendment of Mr. Miller to strike out lines 274 and 275 in Section 1, and insert "salary of Secretary, \$1000."

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Elliott

Moved to reconsider the vote by which the appropriation for the Seventh School Section was adopted.

Agreed to.

Mr. Elliott

Moved to amend the 90th line by striking out "\$150," and insert "\$300."

Agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Moved to amend in line 274, by striking out "\$1500," and insert "\$1000."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs, Miller and Fitler,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Abraham Baker, Boyle, Bremer, Brouse, Dutton, Fitler, Geiss, Hassinger, Holman, Iseminger, Kelly, Lindsay, Miller, McMakin, Slocum, Sorver, Stevenson and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, A. J. Baker, Barber, Bevan, Booth, Borie, Bradford, Benjamin H. Brown, Butler, Craven, William Deal, Elliott, Hagner, Henry, Hubbard, Jackson, Kershaw, King, Leech, Mascher, Melloy, Mickle, Murphy, McNeal, Northrop, Owen, Spencer Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Vanhorn, Vogdes and Wright.

Yeas 19. Nays 31.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Hagner

Moved to amend the First Section by striking out in the second line "four hundred and eighty four thousand," and insert "four hundred and eighty three thousand."

Agreed to.

The First Section as amended was agreed to.

The Second Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 35, Select Council File, "to make an appropriation to the Department of Market Houses for the expenses thereof, and

management of the Wharves and Landings belonging to the City for the year 1857."

Agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration,

Mr. Brouse

Moved to amend Item 3, "for repairs to Market Houses, Whitewashing, &c., \$ 2500," by striking out "\$2500 " and inserting "\$4000."

Agreed to.

Mr. Boyle

Moved to add the following, to come in at the end of Section.

6. For the erection of two Squares of Markets on Eleventh street, from Catharine to Carpenter street, eleven thousand dollars. \$11,000.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Hagner

Moved to amend the Section by striking out of the second line "\$ 9,883," and inserting "\$11,383."

Agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to add the following:

Section 2. That the further sum of fifty-nine dollars and eighty-eight cents be and the same is hereby appropriated to pay deficiencies for the year 1856, viz:

To the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works, twenty-nine dollars and eighty-eight cents.

To Nicholas Bowman, twenty-five dollars.

To Evening Argus, five dollars.

Agreed to.

The Third Section being under consideration,

Mr. McMakin

Moved to amend by adding "seven hundred" in the sixth line, strike out in the seventh line "two" and insert "three."

Strike out in the eighth line "eight hundred" and insert "one thousand."

Agreed to.

Mr. Baird

Moved to amend Item 5, by striking out "\$ 582," and insert "\$1088."

Agreed to.

Also,

To amend Item 7, by inserting between the words "of" and "second," in line 13, "1st and," and strike out "\$ 250" and insert "550."

Agreed to.

Mr. Hagner

Moved to amend the first line by striking out "\$ 6882" and insert "\$ 9588."

Agreed to.

The Section as amended was agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to amend the Title by adding after the word "seven" "and to pay debts incurred in the year 1856."

Agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Hagner,

Chairman of Committee on Finance,

Reported as committed the Bill to make an appropriation to the Department of the City Controller as amended by Select Council.

Mr Hagner

Moved that Common Council non-concur in the same.

Agreed to.

Also,

Reported as committed, the Bill to make an appropriation to the Department for supplying the City with water for the year 1857, as amended by Select Council.

Mr. Hagner

Moved that Common Council non-concur in the same.

Agreed to.

Select Council

Informed Common Council that they have non-concurred in amendments of Common Council, to the Bill from Select Council, to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers and cleansing the City, for the year 1857.

Mr. Owen

Moved that Council insist on their amendments.

Agreed to.

Also,

Informed that they have passed a Resolution refusing the applications of the United and Franklin Hose Companies for donations, and the Vigilant Engine Company for extra appropriation.

Also,

A Resolution to direct the Superintendent of the Fire Alarm and Police Telegraph, to remove Alarm Box No. 54, from the north west corner of Sixth and Callowhill, to the north west corner of Franklin and Callowhill streets, provided that the Empire Hook and Ladder Company pay the expenses.

Also,

A Resolution to admit the Lafayette and Resolution Hose Companies into the Fire Department.

Also,

A Resolution refusing the Forrest Hose Company admission into the Fire Department.

Also,

A Bill, entitled "an Ordinance to place the Steam Fire Engine "Young America" in the possession and under the control of the Diligent Fire Company, and to make an appropriation to keep the Engine in serviceable and effective condition."

Which were referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Also,

A Resolution to release S. H. Breamer & Co., from their terms of their contract for cleansing the Eighth District.

Also,

A Resolution to notify property owners on Cambridge street, to curb and pave their footways.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

A Bill, entitled an Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, for the purposes therein mentioned.

Also,

A Resolution to authorize the City Controller to appoint two additional clerks.

Which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

That they have concurred in the Resolution to authorize the Department of Surveys to prepare a plan arranging the extension of Powelton Avenue.

Also,

In the amendments of Common Council to the Resolution directing the Department of Highways to issue proposals for the construction of a certain culvert on Twenty-fifth street and over Cohocksink Creek.

Also,

That they have receded from their amendments to the third and fourth lines of the Second Section of Common Council Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Trust and Fire Department, for the year 1857, and to pay certain claims incurred during the year 1856.

Also,

That Select Council have concurred in the amendment of Common Council to the Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Surveys, for the year 1857."

Also,

That Select Council have receded from its amendments to Item 5, and the third and fourth lines of the First Section of Common Council Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of Health, for the expenses of that department, for the year 1857, and the payment of claims for the removal of nuisances in 1856."

Also,

That they have appointed on the Committee of Conference on the amendments made by Select Council, to the Bill of Common Council to make an appropriation for the expenses of the Police Department for 1857, and to pay certain claims for expenses incurred during the year 1856, Messrs. Williams, M'Cay and Welsh.

Mr. Owen

Moved to suspend the order of the day to proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 67, Common Council File, to establish the manner in which certain supplies to the City of Philadelphia shall hereafter be procured.

Agreed to.

The First Section was agreed to.

Mr. Northrop

Moved to recommit the Bill to the Committee on Finance.

Not agreed to.

The Second Section was agreed to.

Mr. Owen

Moved to reconsider the vote by which the First Section was agreed to.

Agreed to.

Mr. Owen

Moved to fill the blank in the seventh line by inserting "first Monday "

Agreed to.

Mr. Henry

Moved to amend 14th line by inserting after the word "wood," "books and stationery."

Agreed to.

Also,

To amend the 14th line, by inserting the words "coal and wood for " between the words "and" and "all."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Lindsay and Booth,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, A. J. Baker, Boyle, William Deal, Dutton, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Kelly, Kershaw, Lindsay, Mascher, Mecutchen, Miller, McNeal, Robb, C. B. Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Slocum, Sorver, Vanhorn, Wright and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Abr'm Baker, Booth, Butler, Craven, Northrop and Owen.

Yeas 24. Nays 6.

A quorum of members not having voted,

It was not agreed to.

Select Council

Informed Common Council that they insist in their amendments to the Bill from Common Council, entitled an Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of the City Treasury, for the year 1857.

Mr. Hagner

Moved that this Council adhere to its non-concurrence.

Agreed to.

Also,

That they insist in their amendments to the Bill from Common Council, to make an appropriation to the Department of the Receiver of Taxes, for the year 1857.

Mr. Hagner

Moved that this Council adhere to its non-concurrence.

Agreed to.

Also,

That they insist on their amendments to Common Council Bill, to make an appropriation to the Department of City Commissioners, for the year 1857.

Mr. Hagner

Moved that this Council adhere to its non-concurrence.

Agreed to.

Upon which Bills,

The President

Appointed Messrs. Hagner, Craven and Kershaw a Committee of Conference.

Also,

Informed that they have concurred in the Bill, to make an appropriation to the Inspectors of the County Prison, for 1857, with the following amendments,

Amend Item 1, by striking out "twelve thousand and four hundred dollars," and inserting "ten thousand dollars."

Item 2, by striking out "twelve thousand and three hundred dollars" and inserting "ten thousand dollars."

The third and fourth lines of Section 1, by striking out "seventy-four thousand one hundred and ninety-eight dollars" and inserting "sixty-nine thousand four hundred and ninety-eight."

Strike out "Items 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27," and insert "Item 23, for salaries of Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent, Clerk, Physician and Apothecary, four thousand six hundred dollars."

Strike out "Items 28, 29 and 30," and insert "Item 24, for salaries of the Superintendent of Shoe Department, keeper of the Shoe Department and two gate keepers, three thousand dollars."

Strike out "Items 31 and 32," and insert "Item 25, for salaries of nine keepers, six thousand three hundred and fifty dollars."

Strike out "Items 33, 34, 35, 36 and 37," and insert "Item 26, for salaries of the Baker, Cook, five Watchmen, Messenger, and Firemen, four thousand five hundred dollars."

Change Item 40 to 28.

" 41 to 29.

" 42 to 30.

" 43 to 31

" 44 to 32.

" 45 to 33.

" 46 to 34.

Also,

Concurred in the Bill, to make an appropriation to the Department of City Property for 1857, with the following amendments,

Amend Item 5, by adding after "\$2540," "and for three months salary of the Superintendent of the Petit

Jury Room, at the Law Buildings, to April 1st, 1857, one hundred and fifty dollars."

Amend fourth line of Section first, by striking out "three hundred and twenty-seven " and inserting "four hundred and seventy-seven."

Strike out "twenty-five hundred and forty" in Item 5, and insert, "twenty-six hundred."

Strike out "three thousand" from Item 12, and insert "fifteen hundred."

Strike out "six thousand seven hundred and fifty" from Item 16, and insert "seven thousand six hundred and twenty-five."

Strike out "one thousand" from Item 27, and insert "two thousand."

Amend fourth line, by striking out "three hundred and twenty-seven " and insert "seven hundred and sixty-two."

Which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Baird

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 26th, 1857.

Council met.

The President being absent,

Mr. Abraham Baker

Moved that Mr. Miller take the Chair

Agreed to.

Members present,

Messrs. Alexander,
Baird,
Baker, A. J.,
Baker, Abraham,
Barber,
Bevan,
Boller,
Booth,
Borie,
Boyle,
Bradford,
Bremer,
Beomley,
Brown, Benjamin H.
Brownholtz,
Crease,
Craven,
Deal, J. F.,
Deal, William,
Dutton,
Elliott,
Fitler,
Ford,
Geiss,

Messrs. Hagner,
Harper,
Hassinger,
Henry,
Holman,
Hubbard,
Iseminger,
Jackson,
Kelly,
Kershaw,
King,
Leech,
Lex,
Lindsay,
Marsh,
Martin,
Mascher,
Melloy,
Mickle,
Miller,
Monaghan,
Murphy,
McCleary,
McMakin,

Messrs. McManus,

McNeal,

Northrop,

O'Neill,

Owen,

Parker,

Porter,

Recktenwald,

Ridgway,

Robb,

Messrs. Roberts, C. B.

Roberts, Spencer,

Roberts, T. J.

Schofield,

Sorver,

Stevenson,

Vogdes,

Welsh,

Winship,

Wright,

The Clerk commenced reading the Journal.

Mr. McMakin

Moved that the further reading thereof be dispensed with.

Agreed to.

Mr. Holman,

On leave granted, offered the following :

Whereas, we have heard with unfeigned regret of the death of Dr. Elisha Kent Kane, a native of Philadelphia, whose brilliant career as an officer and explorer, has rendered his name dear to every American Citizen ;

And Whereas, the character of Dr. Kane, his indomitable courage, his untiring zeal, his enthusiastic love of science and his sympathy for the suffering, have embalmed his memory in the hearts of all who can appreciate the noblest and loftiest qualities of human nature, therefore—

Resolved, That Dr. Elisha Kent Kane was not only an honor to this City, but to the nation at large, and that his genius, his toils, his self-denial, his patience and his perseverance throughout a most arduous career of duty and philanthropy, are calculated to adorn the American character.

Resolved, That we sincerely condole with his bereaved relatives and friends, and that a copy of these resolutions be tendered his afflicted family.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Henry,

Offered the following Joint Resolution :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that a Joint Special Committee of five members of each Chamber of Councils be appointed, whose duty it shall be to cause such measures to be taken upon the arrival of the remains of Dr. Kane in this City, as will comport with the dignity of the City of Philadelphia and be a fitting testimonial of her respect for the memory of Dr. Kane.

Mr. Henry :

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Welsh

Presented a petition from citizens of the Twenty-fourth Ward, asking that Torr Avenue and Thirty-seventh street, may be opened and graded.

Mr. McManns,

One from citizens of the Nineteenth Ward, asking that Cedar street between Huntington street and Lehigh Avenue may be graded and the sidewalks paved.

Mr. Melloy,

One from James Russel, asking that Corinthian Avenue from Coates street to Girard Avenue may be graded.

Mr. T. J. Roberts,

A remonstrance from D. Sower, against the dedication of Armat street, from Wilson street to Wilson Avenue.

Mr. Hagner,

A petition from Joseph Fox and G. G. Williams, asking that Linden street, Sixteenth Ward, may be opened.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Welsh,

A petition from P. Bushang & Sons, asking the privilege of constructing a culvert.

Mr. Geiss,

One from citizens residing in the vicinity of Cohocksink Creek, asking that the same may be culverted.

Which were referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Mr. Baird,

One from owners of property in the Eighth Ward, asking that the dock at Locust street and Schuylkill river may be cleansed.

Also,

One of like import in relation to the dock at Spruce and Willow streets and the Schuylkill river.

Mr. McMakin,

One from Messrs. Vaughan and Fisher, asking for a lease for ten years of the landing at Shackamaxon street, on the Delaware river.

Which were referred to the Committee on Wharves and Landings.

Mr. Mascher,

One from the Northern Liberty Fire Company No. 1, asking that the Steam Fire Engine "Young America" may be placed in their charge.

Also,

Two of like import from Merchants doing business along the Wharves.

Mr. Jackson,

One from the Spring Garden Hose Company, asking to be admitted into the Fire Department.

Also,

One of like import from owners of property in the Fourteenth, Fifteenth and Twentieth Wards.

Referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Parker,

A remonstrance from citizens of the Eighth Ward, against the division of said Ward, for Election purposes.

Mr. Craven

One of like import.

Which were referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Harper,

A Bill from F. G. Troxell, for services rendered as Assessor of the Thirteenth Ward.

Mr. Owen,

A petition from William Brock, asking that an appropriation may be made for the payment of his claim for work and labor done about the State House, from May 1855, to March 1856.

Which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Craven,

A Bill from A. Smith, for work done and articles furnished the office of Appraisers of Licenses.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Hassinger,

A petition from Barton H. Jenks, asking the privilege of laying gas pipes in certain streets in Bridesburg, Twenty-third Ward, at his own expense.

Referred to the Committee on Gas.

Mr. Vogdes,

One from citizens of the Twenty-fourth Ward, asking that public lamps may be placed at the corner of Bell and Wyoming streets and on Venango street, West Philadelphia.

Referred to the Committee on Police.

The Chairman

Presented a petition from William Righter, asking that money overpaid for laying water pipe may be refunded

Referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Also,

The following Resolution from the Board of Health :

HEALTH OFFICE,
Philadelphia, February 25th, 1857.

At a meeting of the Board of Health held this day, the following Resolution was adopted.

Resolved, that the Clerk be directed to notify Councils that a vacancy exists in this Board, by the death of Dr. T. J. P. Stokes, the member from the Eighth Ward, and also a vacancy by the resignation of William D. Woodend, M. D., a member from the Twenty-third Ward.

Extract from the Minutes.

R. H. GORBUTT,
Clerk.

Also,

The following from the Regents of the University of the State of New York.

NEW YORK STATE LIBRARY.

Regents of the University of the State of New York, (ex officio)
Trustees of the State Library.

Albany, Feb. 21st, 1857.

To the Clerk of the Common Council of Philadelphia.

SIR :

This is to advise you that we have this day forwarded to your address a package for the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

I Remain Yours &c.

S. B. WOOLWORTH,
Secretary.
per Hickcox.

Which were laid on the table.

Also,

From the Board of Health, a communication submitting Preamble and Resolution, calling the early attention of Councils to the filthy condition of the streets and alleys of the City.

Referred to the Committee on Health.

Also,

The following communications from the Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
February 26th, 1857.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :—

The following Ordinances and Joint Resolution have been approved and signed, viz.:

On the 24th inst. An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the expenses of the Law Department, for the year 1857.

On the 24th inst. a Resolution relative to the adjustment of grades at the crossing of Gunner's Run Canal, &c.

On the 26th inst. An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Clerks of Councils for the expenses of Councils for the year 1857.

On the 26th inst. An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of Health, for the expenses of that Department, for the year 1857, and for the payment of claims for the removal of nuisances in 1856.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,
Mayor of Philadelphia.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
February 26th, 1857.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN :—

Information has been received in this City that Elisha Kent Kane, departed this life at Havana; and that his

remains are on the way to the place of his birth, for the purpose of burial. A Citizen of Philadelphia has made a sacrifice of his life in a service dedicated to philanthropy and science. To honor the memory of such a man is worthy of an enlightened community. In order that the City Councils may have an opportunity to take such action on the subject, as to them shall seem appropriate, I have considered it proper to address them this communication.

Respectfully

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Select Council

Informed Common Council that they had passed the following:

Whereas, the body of the late Dr. Elisha Kent Kane, of Philadelphia, is on its way to his native City for the purpose of interment there, and he died in a foreign country from disease contracted or enhanced by exposure to the severity and privations of an Arctic climate, during a journey prompted by a high toned and chivalric feeling of philanthropy, and sanctioned by the government of our Union, and it seems to be fitting that some expression should be uttered by the representatives of the Citizens of Philadelphia indicative of their sense of the great merit of their deceased fellow citizen, and of the renown and glory which have attached to the entire country from his admirable achievements in the cause of science and humanity—an expression which is but responsive to similar sentiments coming from various parts of the Union—therefore

Resolved, That the City of Philadelphia will retain in ever grateful memory, the noble services of Dr. Kane, in the cause of science and humanity, which have reflected glory and renown upon his native city and upon the whole country.

Resolved. By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that a Joint Special Committee of five members of each Chamber of Councils be appointed, whose duty it shall be to cause such measures to be taken upon

the arrival of the remains of Dr. Kane in the City, as will comport with the dignity of the City of Philadelphia, and be a fitting testimonial of her respect for the memory of Dr. Kane.

And have appointed on the part of Select Council,

Messrs. Cuyler, Perkins, Welsh, Marselis and Cornman

Mr. Leech

Moved to proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted,

And Messrs. Henry, Holman, Hassinger, Owen and King, appointed a Committee on part of Common Council.

Mr. Hagner,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

To which was referred a Resolution from Select Council, authorizing the Controller to employ two additional Clerks, reported the same as committed with an amendment, making the salary the same as now paid to the assistant Clerks in said Department. (Appendix No. 176.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution as amended.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Reported as committed the Bill of Common Council, "to make an appropriation to the Department of City Property, for the year 1857," with amendments of Select Council, and moved that Common Council non-concur in the same. [see Common Council Journal page 333.]

The first amendment was concurred in, and the second, third and fourth amendments were non-concurred in.

Also,

Reported as committed the Bill from Common Council, to make an appropriation to the Inspectors of the County Prison, for the year 1857, with amendments of Select Council, and moved that Common Council non-concur in the same. [see Common Council Journal page 332.]

The question being upon non-concurring in the first amendment,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. O'Neill and Leech,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Abraham Baker, Barber, Bevan, Boller, Boyle, Bremer, Bremley, Benj. H. Brown, Brownholtz, Crease, Craven, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dutton, Elliott, Fidler, Ford, Hagner, Hassinger, Kelly, Kershaw, King, Marsh, Mascher, Mickle, Miller, Monaghan, Murphy, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Northrop, Owen, Recktenwald, Robb, C. B. Roberts, Spencer Roberts, T. J. Roberts and Stevenson.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, A. J. Baker, Booth, Borie, Bradford, Henry, Holman, Hubbard, Iseminger, Leech, Lex, Lindsay, Melloy, O'Neill, Porter, Schofield, Sorver, Vogdes, Welsh and Wright.

Yeas 40. Nays 20.

It was agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill

Presented the following :

I, C. B. F. O'Neill, file the following reasons for voting against the Resolution to "non-concur" in the amendments made by Select Council :

1st. The amendments from Select Council neither increase nor decrease the appropriation to the Department.

2d. The effect of non-concurring is only to increase the present disgraceful condition of public credit, as it de-

lays, for at least two weeks, the passage of the appropriation to this department, which delay is attended with great loss to the City, as we are paying at least 10 per cent. advance on every article purchased for the use of the City.

3d. This delay in making our appropriation causes distress and loss to those persons to whom the City is indebted for work and labor done, and goods sold and delivered.

4th. This useless waste of public time, and neglect on our part to pass the appropriation bill, in order to pay the police, other officers and employees of the City, and to provide for the poor and unfortunate, is only calculated to cause political change in the City Government in May next, as the only means of securing prompt payments of our current expenses of the City Government.

The Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth amendments were non-concurred in.

The Sixth, Seventh and Eighth amendments were concurred in.

Also,

Reported as Committed the Bill of Common Council, to make an appropriation to the Board of Guardians of the Poor for the year 1857, with amendments of Select Council, and recommended that Common Council non-concur in the same. (See Common Council Journal, page 316.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules to proceed to the consideration of the amendments.

Agreed to.

The First and Second amendments were concurred in.

The Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth and Fourteenth amendments were non-concurred in.

The Fifteenth amendment being under consideration,

Mr. A. J. Baker

Moved to amend by striking out "\$ 300," and insert "1000."

Not agreed to.

The fifteenth, sixteenth, seventeenth, eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth amendments were non-concurred in.

Mr. Hagner

Moved to reconsider the vote by which the First amendment was concurred in.

Agreed to.

Mr. Hagner

Moved to non-concur therein.

Agreed to.

Mr. Owen

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 62, Common Council File, to authorize a loan for the purchase of the Germantown, Richmond, Kensington, Northern Liberties and Southwark Gas Works, for the use of the Trustees of the City Gas Works.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Hassinger,

Chairman of the Committee on Water Works,

Submitted a report with an Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department for supplying the City with water. (Appendix No. 177.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. T. J. Roberts,

From the Committee on Highways,

Reported as committed, the Resolution from Select Council, to authorize the Chief Commissioner of Highways to release Samuel H. Beamer & Co., from their contract for cleansing the Eighth District, and to direct the property owners on Cambridge street in the Twentieth Ward, to curb and pave the footways, with a recommendation that they be adopted. (Appendix No. 178.)

Mr. Roberts

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The first Resolution being read a second time and the question being on its adoption,

It was not agreed to.

The second Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Submitted a report adverse to the adoption of the Resolution in regard to the preservation of a record of the present numbers of the houses in the City, with a recommendation that the Resolution lay on the table. (Appendix No. 179.)

Mr. Northrop

Moved to proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Not agreed to.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Hagner,

From the Committee on Conference, submitted the following report:

The Committee of Conference upon the Bill, making an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges and Sewers, and cleansing the City,

Report,

That the Committee have agreed to recommend that the title of said Bill be amended, by adding "and to pay deficiencies occurring in the years, 1854, 1855 and 1856."

To strike out "3000" where it occurs in Item 24, and insert "\$1500."

To strike out after "Section 2," the words "and to pay certain deficiencies amounting to \$3,996 87," and insert as follows: "that the further sum of \$3,996 87 be and the same is hereby appropriated to pay deficiencies for the years."

Strike out \$372,500, in the second line of First Section, and insert \$371,000.

CHARLES V. HAGNER,
THOMAS CRAVEN,
ROBERT KERSHAW.

Also,

From the Committee on conference, to which was referred the Bill, to make an appropriation to the Department of Police with the amendments thereto, submitted a report, with a Resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 180.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Leech

Moved to suspend the order of the day to enable him to offer a Resolution for the appointment of a new Committee of Conference on the Police appropriation Bill.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Leech and Holman,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, A. J. Baker, Bevan, Bradford, Butler, Catherwood, J. F. Deal, Dutton, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Hubbard, Iseminger Kelly, Leech, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Melloy, McCleary, McMakin, Mc Neal, Northrop, Porter, C. B. Roberts, Schofield, Winship and Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Abraham Baker, Boller, Bromley, Craven, Hagner, Marsh, Miller, Owen, Robb, Sorver and Stevenson.

Yeas 27. Nays 12.

A quorum of members not having voted,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to adjourn.

Not agreed to.

Select Council

Informed Common Council that they have concurred in the Resolutions

“To authorize the paving of certain streets therein named,”

“To request our Representatives in the Senate of Pennsylvania to use all honorable means to defeat the passage of the Bill, to allow the American Philosophical Society of Pennsylvania to dispose of a part of Independence Square to the United States.”

Also,

Have passed a Resolution to direct the Highway Department to issue proposals for the construction of a culvert on Moore street from Delaware river to Ninth street.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Leech

Asked for a call of the House.

Mr. Parker

Moved to lay the call of the House on the table.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Leech and O'Neill,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Barber, Bromley, Benjamin H. Brown, Craven, Hagner, Kelly, Miller, McMakin, Owen, C. B. Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Sorver and Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, A. J. Baker, Boller, Booth, Boyle, Bradford, Butler, Catherwood, Dutton, Ford, Harper, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Hubbard, Iseminger, Jackson, Leech, Lindsay, Marsh, Martin, Mascher, Melloy, Mickle, McCleary, McNeal, Schofield and Vogdes.

Yeas 12. Nays 27.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to adjourn.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Booth and Parker,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Abraham Baker, Boller, Butler, Craven, Dutton, Ford, Henry, Jackson, Kelly, Lindsay, Marsh, Mascher, Miller, Northrop, O'Neill, Owen, Parker, Robb, C. B. Roberts, Stevenson, Winship and Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. A. J. Baker, Boyle, Benjamin H. Brown, Catherwood, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman, Hubbard, McMakin, McNeal, T. J. Roberts and Sorver.

Yeas 23. Nays 12.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, March 2d, 1857.

Council met in pursuance to the following call:

J. D. MILES, Clerk of Common Council.

SIR:—

The undersigned members of Common Council request you to call a special meeting of Common Council, on Monday March 2d, 1857, at 3 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of considering the appropriation bills for 1857.

ANDREW MILLER.
JOSHUA T. OWEN.
ISAAC LEECH, JR.
JOHN F. MASCHER.
JESSE T. VOGDES.
JOHN ALEXANDER.
ABRAHAM BAKER.
CHARLES V. HAGNER.
CHARLES VANHORN.
D. BEVAN.
WILLIAM DEAL.
WILLIAM H. MICKLE.
JOHN M. FORD.

February 27, 1857.

The President in the Chair.

Members present,

Messrs. Alexander,
Baird,
Baker, A. J.,
Baker, Abraham,
Barber,
Bevan,

Messrs. Boller,
Booth,
Boric,
Bradford,
Brown, Benjamin H.
Craven,

Messrs. Deal, William,	Messrs. Mecutchen,
Dutton,	Miller,
Fitler,	McMakin,
Ford,	Northrop,
Hagner,	O'Neill,
Harper,	Owen,
Henry,	Ridgway,
Holman,	Robb,
Horrocks,	Roberts, C. B.,
Hubbard,	Schofield,
Jackson,	Sorver,
Kelly,	Stevenson,
Lex,	Vanhorn,
Martin,	Winship,
Mascher,	Patterson, President.

Mr. Henry,

From the Committee appointed under the Joint Resolution of Councils, to make arrangements for the reception of the remains of the late Elisha Kent Kane,

On leave granted, read in place a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to defray the expenses that may be incurred in the reception of the remains of Elisha Kent Kane." (Appendix No. 181.)

Mr. Henry

Moved to proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.¹

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

The President

Presented the following communication from the Mayor:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
March 2d, 1857.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :

The following Ordinances and Joint Resolutions have been approved and signed, viz :

On the 2d inst. An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Surveys, for the year 1857.

On the 2d inst. An Ordinance to make an appropriation for furnishing Gas and lighting, extinguishing, cleansing and repairing the Public Lamps, and for the erection of new lamps for the year 1857.

On the 2d inst. An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Fire Department, for the year 1857, and to pay certain claims incurred during the year 1856.

On the 2d inst. An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the use of the Trustees of the City Ice Boat, for the year 1857, and for the payment of debts contracted by said Trustees, without authority during the year 1856.

On the 2d inst. a Resolution to authorize the paving of certain streets therein named.

On the 2d inst. A Resolution requesting our Representatives in the Senate of Pennsylvania, to use all honorable means to defeat the passage of the Bill now before them, allowing the American Philosophical Society of Pennsylvania to dispose of a certain part of Independence Square to the United States Government.

On the 2d inst. A Resolution authorizing the Department of Surveys to prepare a plan arranging the extension of Powelton Avenue.

Respectfully

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Laid on the table.

Select Council

Informed Common Council, that they insist on the amendments to the Bill of Common Council, to make an appropriation to the Department of the City Controller, for the year 1857.

Mr. Hagner

Moved that Common Council adhere to their non-concurrence, and that a Committee of Conference be appointed.

Agreed to.

The President

Appointed Messrs. Hagner, Craven and Kershaw, a Committee of Conference.

Also,

Informed that they insist on their amendments to the Bill of Common Council, to make an appropriation to the Department for supplying the City with Water, for the year 1857, and to pay debts contracted in previous years.

Mr. Miller

Moved that Common Council adhere to their non-concurrence, and that a Committee of Conference be appointed.

Agreed to.

The President

Appointed Messrs. Miller, Craven and Kershaw, a Committee of Conference.

Mr. Owen,

On leave granted, read a Bill in place, entitled, "An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the expenses of the Police Department, for the year 1857."

Mr. Owen

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First Section was agreed to.

The Second Section being under consideration,

Mr. Mascher

Moved to strike out Item 3, "for Ice for Station Houses, \$ 557.28."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Mascher and Ridgway,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Barber, Bevan, Bolter, Benjamin H. Brown, Craven, William Deal, Dutton, Fitler, Ford, Holman, Mascher, Northrop, Ridgway, Sorver, Stevenson and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Booth, Borie, Bradford, Hagner, Harper, Henry, Horrocks, Hubbard, Jackson, Kelly, Martin, Miller, McMakin, O'Neill, Owen, Robb, C. B. Roberts, Schofield and Winship.

Yeas 17. Nays 22.

A quorum not having voted,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to adjourn.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Kelly

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the Bill for the present, and that it be made the order of the day for Thursday next.

Agreed to.

Mr. Hagner,

Chairman of the Committee of Conference, appointed on the Bill, to make an appropriation to the Department of

Receiver of Taxes for the year 1857, submitted a report.
(Appendix No. 182.)

Mr. Miller

Moved that the report be adopted.

Agreed to.

Also,

Submitted a report from the Committee of Conference,
on the Bill, to make an appropriation to the Department of
City Commissioners, for the year 1857. (Appendix No.
183.)

Mr. Miller

Moved that the report be adopted.

Mr. Harper

Moved that the consideration of the report be postponed until Thursday next.

Agreed to

Mr. Schofield

Moved to adjourn,

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 5th, 1857.

Council met.

The President in the Chair.

Members present,

Messrs. Alexander,
Baird,
Baker, A. J.,
Baker, Abraham,
Barber,
Barton,
Bevan,
Boller,
Booth,
Borie,
Boyle,
Bradford,
Bremer,
Bromley,
Brown, Benjamin H.
Brown, M. C.,
Brownholtz,
Brouse,
Butler,
Crease,
Craven,
Davis,
Deal, William,
Elliott,
Fitler,
Ford,
Geiss,
Hagner,

Messrs. Hassinger,
Henry,
Holman,
Horrocks,
Hubbard,
Isenminger,
Kelly,
King,
Leech,
Lex,
Lindsay,
Marsh,
Martin,
Mascher,
Mecutchen,
Melloy,
Mickle,
Miller,
Monaghan,
McCleary,
McMakin,
McManus,
Northrop,
O'Neill,
Owen,
Parker,
Porter,
Ridgway,

Messrs. Robb,
Roberts, C. B.
Roberts, T. J.
Schofield,
Slocum,
Sorver,

Messrs. Stevenson,
Vanhorn,
Vogdes,
Welsh,
Winship,
Wright,

Patterson, President.

The Clerk having commenced reading the Journal of the last meeting,

Mr. Mascher

Moved to dispense with the further reading of the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. Owen

Moved to postpone the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 79, Common Council File, "to make an appropriation for the expenses of the Police Department, for the year 1857, and to pay expenses incurred during the year 1856."

Agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Withdrew the motion to strike out Item 3, in the Second Section, "for Ice for Station Houses \$ 557.28," and moved "to strike out all after Item 1, in the First Section."

Mr. Schofield

Moved the previous question and was sustained in the call by the following members rising in their places, to wit :

Messrs Schofield, Owen, Mecutchen, Lindsay, Martin, T. J. Roberts, Alexander, Winship, Borie, Geiss, Fitler, William Deal, Wright, McMakin and Welsh.

And the question being "shall the main question be now put?"

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Stevenson and Barber,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Barton, Borie, Bradford, Bremer, M. C. Brown, Brouse, Butler, William Deal, Fitler, Geiss, Hassinger, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Lex, Lindsay, Martin, Mecutchen, Melloy, Monaghan, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, Owen, Porter, C. B. Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Schofield, Slocum, Vogdes, Welsh, Winship and Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Barber, Bevan, Bol-ler, Booth, Boyle, Bromley, Benjamin H. Brown, Brownholtz, Davis, Elliott, Ford, Hagner, Henry, Hubbard, Kelly, Leech, Marsh, Mascher, Northrop, O'Neill, Parker, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn and Patterson, President.

Yeas 34. Nays 26.

It was agreed to

The main question being “to strike out all after Item 1, in the Second Section.”

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Mascher and Fitler,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Barton, Bevan, Bol-ler, Bremer, Bromley, Benjamin H. Brown, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Butler, William Deal, Fitler, Ford, Hagner, King, Marsh, Mascher, McCleary, McMakin, Northrop, Parker, C. B. Roberts, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Wright and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Bar-ber, Booth, Borie, Boyle, Bradford, Davis, Elliott, Geiss, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Hubbard, Iseminger, Kelly, Leech, Lex, Lindsay, Martin, Mecutchen, Melloy, Mickle, Monaghan, McManus, O'Neill, Owen, Porter, T. J. Roberts, Schofield, Slocum, Vogdes, Welsh and Winship.

Yeas 28. Nays 36.

It was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the Second Section,

It was agreed to.

The Third Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Winship

Moved to suspend the order of the day for the purpose of offering the following Resolution.

Resolved, That Select Council be informed that this Council will meet them in Convention at 5½ o'clock this afternoon, to elect a Superintendent of Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph, also members of the Board of Health for the Second and Twenty-third Wards.

Agreed to.

The Resolution being read a second time,

Mr. Abraham Baker

Moved to strike out "5½" and insert "6½."

Not agreed to.

The Resolution was adopted.

Mr. Iseminger

Presented a petition from owners of property, asking for the construction of a culvert on the line of Moore street.

Referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations

Also,

One from owners of property on Christian street between Sixteenth street and Gray's Ferry Road, asking that the same may be paved.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. T. J. Roberts,

One from Samuel H. Breamer & Co., asking to be released from their contract for cleansing the Eighth District.

Mr. T. J. Roberts

Moved that the vote by which the report of the Committee on Highways in reference thereto was adopted at the last meeting of Council be reconsidered.

Agreed to.

Also,

Moved that the subject be postponed for the present.

Agreed to.

The petition was referred to Committee on Highways.

Mr. Craven,

A Bill from Joseph Riblett, for collecting Ballot Boxes.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Hagner,

Two communications from the City Controller, calling attention to deficiencies in the estimate of the appropriation required by the Department of City Commissioners, for the year 1857.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. O'Neill,

A petition from Samuel Rice and others, asking the privilege of selling Fish at Third and Market streets.

Referred to the Committee on Markets.

Mr. Melloy,

One from Citizens of Twentieth Ward, asking for a Gas Lamp at the corner of Marshall and Oxford streets.

Referred to the Committee on Police.

The President

Presented the following communication :

Philadelphia, March 5th, 1857.

WM. C. PATTERSON, ESQ.,

President of Common Council.

Dear Sir :

I have the honor, on behalf of the Directors of the Girard College for Orphans, to transmit to Councils, the Annual Report of that Institution for the year 1856.

Respectfully, Yours, &c.,

SAMUEL H. PERKINS,

President Board of Directors, &c.

Laid on the table.

Also,

One from Samuel F. Fisher, asking for an appropriation to pay sundry issues of script, of the late District of Richmond.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Hagner,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

Reported as committed the Bill from Select Council, to make an appropriation to pay sums, &c., for the year 1856, with the following amendments. (Appendix No. 184.)

For payment of Seth Tennis for making Tax Duplicate, First Ward, for the year 1856, three hundred and seventy-six dollars and fifty cents.

For payment of S. S. Kennedy, for making and Indexing Tax Duplicates, Second Ward, four hundred and eighty-six dollars and eighty-five cents.

For payment of John Orr, for making and Indexing Tax Duplicates, Fourth Ward, three hundred and sixty-seven dollars and fifty cents.

For payment of Ezekiel Pico, for making Tax Duplicates, Fifth Ward, two hundred and thirty-three dollars and seventy-five cents.

For payment of R. Garrison for making and Indexing Tax Duplicates, Sixth Ward, four hundred and twenty-four dollars and ninety cents.

For payment of A. Ettinger, for making Tax Duplicates, Twelfth Ward, two hundred and fifty-nine dollars and twenty-five cents.

For payment of E. T. Charnley, for making and Indexing Tax Duplicates, Thirteenth Ward, four hundred and forty-three dollars and eighty cents.

For payment of C. W. Ridgway for making and Indexing Tax Duplicates, Fourteenth Ward, four hundred and three dollars and ninety cents.

For payment of W. H. I. Comegys for making Tax Duplicates, Sixteenth Ward, three hundred and two dollars.

For payment of John Henson for making and Indexing Tax Duplicates, Eighteenth Ward, three hundred and thirty-six dollars and thirty-five cents.

For payment of S. P. Carpenter for making Tax Duplicates, Twenty-first Ward, two hundred and sixteen dollars.

For payment of C. F. Folwell for making and Indexing Tax Duplicates, Twenty-second Ward, three hundred and thirty dollars and forty cents.

For payment to A. J. Kelly for making and indexing a part of Tax Duplicate, Thirty-third Ward, one hundred and ninety-three dollars and ninety cents.

For payment of James Borie for making and Indexing the other part of Tax Duplicates, Twenty-third Ward, one hundred and fifty-nine dollars and twenty-five cents.

For payment of Levi Fort for Indexing Tax Duplicates, Sixteenth Ward, being the balance due him, twenty-one dollars and eighty cents.

For payment of Henry W. Speel for Indexing Tax Duplicates, First Ward, one hundred and fifty dollars and fifty cents.

For payment of John M. Reed, Esq., for professional services rendered to the late District of Kensington, two hundred and fifty dollars.

For payment of Isaac C. Bryant and others, for services rendered to the Board of Revision, viz :

Isaac C. Bryant, three hundred dollars.

J. Murray, eighty dollars.

E. Somerdyke, seventy dollars.

William C. Bryant, seventy dollars

Charles W. Bryant, seventy dollars.

Coleman Hill & Mush, Carriage Hire, sixty dollars

For payment of E. W. Shippen & Co., for lamp posts and lanterns furnished the late District of Belmont, eleven hundred and twenty-three dollars and twenty-seven cents.

Provided that before payment being made, the said claimants deliver to the proper authorities of the City, to receive the same twenty-one lamp posts and lanterns now in their possession, eleven hundred and twenty-three dollars and twenty-seven cents.

For payment of John Longstreth, for copying election returns, fifty dollars.

Strike out the words "four thousand dollars and fifty cents" on the third and fourth lines in the First Section, and insert "ten thousand seven hundred and eighty dollars."

Laid on the table.

Also,

Reported back as committed, the Ordinance from Select Council, to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, for the purposes therein mentioned, and recommended its reference to the Committee on Highways, with a Resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 185.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

And the Bill so referred.

Also,

Reported back as committed, the petition of William Brock, for the payment of an old claim, and recommended its reference to the Committee on Claims, with a Resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the same. (Appendix No. 186.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

And the petition was so referred.

Also,

Reported back as committed, a Bill from F. G. Troxell, for services rendered the City, and recommended its reference to the Committee on Claims, with a Resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 187.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

And the Bill so referred.

Mr. Hagner,

Chairman of the Committee of Conference, on the Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of the City Treasurer, submitted a report. (Appendix No. 188.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved that the report be adopted.

Agreed to.

Mr. Owen,

On leave granted, offered the following :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Council of Philadelphia, that as a testimony of respect to the Ex-President of the United States, Franklin Pierce, the use of the Hall of Independence be proffered to him, in which he may receive his friends, on the occasion of his passage through our City on his journey homewards.

Mr. Owen

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Sorver,

Chairman of the Committee on Claims,

Reported favorably to the payment of a part of the amount appropriated by Ordinance from Select Council, "To provide for the payment of the Claim of Henry T Grout," with a Resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 189.)

Mr. Sorver

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A report favorable to the payment of the claim of E. L. Spain, for services rendered the late District of Richmond, with a Resolution to refer the same to the Committee on Finance, with instruction to report an Ordinance therefor and to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 190.)

Mr. Sorver

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Reported back as committed, the claim of M. and R. Thompson, for paving, with a Resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and it be referred to the Committee on Highways. (Appendix No. 191.)

Mr. Sorver

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the subject.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Reported adverse to the claim of John Notman, for designs for a new State House, with a Resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 192.)

Mr. Sorver

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Mecntchen,

Chairman of the Committee to verify the cash account of the City Treasurer, submitted a report. (Appendix No. 193.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. Alexander,

Chairman of the Special Committee to change boundary lines of the Seventh Division of the First Ward, submitted a report with an Ordinance relating thereto. (Appendix No. 194.)

Mr. Alexander

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Mascher

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the services of the Lafayette Hose Company be accepted, and that they be admitted into the Fire Department.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

Mr. McCleary

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the Select and Common Council of

the City of Philadelphia, ask as a donation from the members of the Legislature of Pennsylvania, the Chair now occupied by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, after this Session, for the purpose of placing it in Independence Hall; and that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Speaker of the Senate and House of Representatives.

Mr. McCleary

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. McMakin

Offered the following :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Council of Philadelphia, that the City Solicitor be and he is hereby directed to notify the Heirs of John Price Wetherill, that they are forthwith required to comply with the Ordinance in regard to the widening of Water street, between Market and Vine streets, and for which the full amount of damages have been paid several years since.

Mr. McMakin

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Miller,

Chairman of the Committee of conference on the Ordinance, "To make an appropriation for supplying the City with water, for the year 1857," submitted a report. (Appendix No. 195.)

Mr. Miller

Moved that the report be adopted.

Agreed to.

Mr. Brouse,

Chairman of the Committee on Markets, submitted the following :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the Commissioner of Market Houses is hereby authorized to appropriate and rent as stands for the sale of Sea Fish, from Wagons or Carts, the stands now unoccupied at the south east side of Fourth and Market, and south east side of Seventh and Market streets, the space to be occupied by each Wagon or Cart to be designated and assigned by the Commissioners of Markets. Provided, That the occupants of stands shall be subject to the same Rules and Regulations as other Fish Stands.

The Resolution being read a second time,

Mr. Northrop

Moved to re-commit the Resolution to the Committee on Markets.

Agreed to.

Mr. Ford

Offered the following :

Resolved, That hereafter the boundaries of the Seventh Division of the Tenth Ward, shall be as follows, from the west side of Sixteenth street, to the east side of Twentieth street, and from the north side of Arch street, to the south side of Vine street.

Mr. A. J. Baker

Moved to refer the same to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Owen

Moved to amend as follows, "to refer it to a Special Committee, consisting of the members from that Ward.

Agreed to.

Select Council

Informed Common Council, that they have passed a Resolution, entitled "A Resolution authorizing the Chief Engineer of the Water Works to employ two temporary Clerks."

Mr. Hassinger

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Craven,

On leave granted,

Read in place a Bill to make an appropriation to the Controllors of Public Schools, for the purpose of rebuilding and repairing the building heretofore occupied by the Levering School in the Twenty-first Ward. (Appendix No. 196.)

Referred to the Committee on Schools.

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the consideration of the report made by the Committee of conference at the last meeting, on the Bill to make an appropriation to the Department of City Commissioners for the year 1857.

Agreed to.

Mr. Hagner

Moved that the report be adopted.

Agreed to.

Select Council

Informed Common Council that they insist on their amendments to the Bill from Common Council to make an appropriation to the Board of Guardians of the Poor, for the expenses of that Department, for the year 1857.

Mr. Owen

Moved that Council adhere to their non-concurrence, in amendments of Select Council.

Agreed to.

The President appointed

Messrs. Owen, King and Stevenson, a Committee of Conference.

Also,

That they insist on their amendments to the Bill from Common Council, to make an appropriation to the Department of City Property, for the year 1857.

Mr. Abraham Baker

Moved that Council adhere to their non-concurrence in the amendments of Select Council.

Agreed to.

The President appointed

Messrs. Abraham Baker, Bolter and T. J. Roberts, a Committee of Conference.

Also,

That they have passed a Resolution approving of the contracts made with Wm. Monaghan and Conrad Norman.

Also,

A Resolution to authorize the paving of certain streets.

Also,

A Resolution to authorize the curbing and paving of Jefferson Avenue, from south side of Greenwich street, to Mifflin street.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

That they have passed a Preamble and Resolutions to provide for cancelling certain certificates of five per cent. loan, being part of the sinking fund of the late Corporation of the Board of Guardians, for the relief and employment of the Poor.

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolutions were read twice and adopted.

The Preamble was adopted.

Mr. Hagner

Moved to proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 67, Common Council File, to establish the manner in which certain supplies shall hereafter be procured.

Agreed to.

The question being on the amendment of Mr. Henry, to the 14th line of the First Section, viz: to insert the words "coal and wood for," between the words "and" and "all."

It was agreed to.

The First Section as amended was agreed to.

The Second Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

The question being upon the final passage of the Bill,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. A. J. Baker and Barber,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Abraham Baker, Bevan, Boller, Borie, Boyle, Bremer, Bromley, Benjamin

H. Brown, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Craven, William Deal, Ford, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Kelly, King, Leech, Lindsay, Mascher, Meeutchen, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan. McCleary, McMakin, Northrop, Porter, Robb, C. B. Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Sorver, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Welsh, Winship, Wright and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. A. J. Baker, Barber, Booth, Bradford, Crease and Ridgway,

Yeas 44. Nays 6.

It was agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 47, Select Council File, to provide for the payment of the claim of Henry T. Grout.

Agreed to.

The First Section being read,

Mr. Mascher

Moved to strike out “\$650,” in the seventh line.

Not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the First Section,

It was agreed to.

The Second Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Select Council

Informed that they have passed a Resolution to meet in Joint Convention, to elect a Superintendent of the

Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph, and members of the Board of Health, for the Second and Twenty-third Wards.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

The President and Members of Select Council were introduced, and being assembled in Convention,

The President

Announced the object thereof, to be the election of a Superintendent of the Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph, and a member of the Board of Health for the Second and Twenty-third Wards.

The Clerks acting as tellers reported that 72 votes had been cast for Superintendent of the Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph, of which,

Select Council,

Messrs. Ashton, Cornman, Gamble, Hilles, Mason, Marselis, McKay, McWhorter, Perkins, Roberts, Taylor, Wainwright, Welsh and Wharton, President,

14, voted for William J. Philips.

Common Council,

Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barber, Bevan, Booth, Borie, Boyle, Bradford, Bremer, Bromley, Benjamin H. Brown, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Butler, Crease, Craven, William Deal, Ford, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Hubbard, Iscminge, King, Leech, Lex, Lindsay, Marsh, Martin, Mascher, Melloy, Mickle, Miller, Monaghan, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, Owen, Porter, Ridgway, C. B. Rob-

erts, T. J. Roberts, Schofield, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Welsh, Wright, Winship and Patterson, President.

58, voted for William J. Philips.

In all, 72 votes.

William J. Philips having received all the votes cast, was declared duly elected Superintendent of the Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph.

The Clerks acting as tellers reported that 65 votes had been cast for members of the Board of Health, for the Second and Twenty-third Wards of Philadelphia, of which,

Select Council,

Messrs. Ashton, Beideman, Gamble, Mason, Marselis, McKay, Taylor and Wharton, President,

8, voted for John McGettigan, Second Ward, and Jesse H. Flitcraft, Twenty-third Ward.

Messrs. Cornman, Hilles, McWhorter, Perkins, Roberts and Wainwright,

6, voted for Dr. E. Ward, Second Ward, and Jesse H. Flitcraft, Twenty-third Ward.

Common Council,

Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Bevan, Borie, Boyle, Bradford, Bremer, Bromley, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Butler, Crease, William Deal, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Kelly, Leech, Lindsay, Mascher, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, Owen, Porter, Robb, C. B. Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Schofield, Sorver, Stevenson, Vogdes, Welsh, Wright and Patterson, President,

42, voted for John McGittigan, Second Ward, and Jesse H. Flitcraft Twenty-third Ward.

Messrs. Booth, Craven, Henry, King, Lex and Me-cutchin,

6, voted for Dr. E. Ward, Second Ward, and Jesse H. Flitcraft, Twenty-third Ward.

Mr. Barber,

1, voted for Dr. E. Ward, and William Smith.

Mr. Ridgway,

1, voted for Dr. E. Ward, Second Ward, and Terrence O'Rourke.

In all 65 votes.

John McGittigan and Jesse H. Flitercraft, having received a majority of all the votes cast, were declared duly elected members of the Board of Health for the Second and Twenty-third Wards respectively.

The Convention then adjourned and Select Council retired.

Mr. Hagner,

Chairman of the Committee of Conference,

On the Bill to make an appropriation to the Department of the City Controller for the year 1857, submitted a report. (Appendix No. 197.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved that the report be adopted.

Agreed to.

Mr. Owen

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the amendments made by Select Council, to Bill No. 75, Common Council File, "to make an appropriation to the Board of Controllers of the Public Schools, of the First School District of Pennsylvania."

Mr. Ridgway

Moved a call of the House.

The Roll was called and the Clerk reported that forty-seven members had answered to their names, to wit : 2

Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barber, Boller, Booth, Boyle, Bradford, Bromley, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Butler, Crease, Craven, William Deal, Ford, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Kelly, King, Leech, Lex, Lindsay, Marsh, Martin, Mascher, Melloy, Mickle, Miller, McCleary, McManus, Northrop, Owen, Porter, Ridgway, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Sorver, Stevenson, Vogdes, Welsh, Winship and Patterson, President.

The motion of Mr. Owen was agreed to.

Mr. Owen

Moved, to non-concur in the amendments of Select Council.

Agreed to.

Select Council

Informed that they have concurred in the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the expenses of the Police Department for the year 1857, and to pay expenses incurred during the year 1856."

Also,

In an Ordinance to make an appropriation to defray expenses that may be incurred in the reception of the remains of the late Elisha Kent Kane.

Also,

In an Ordinance to change the boundary lines of the Seventh Division of the First Ward, and to create an additional Division in said Ward, and to establish a place of voting in said additional Division.

Also,

That they have receded from their amendments to the Bill, entitled an Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Inspectors of the County Prison for the year 1857.

Also,

That they have concurred in the amendments made by Common Council, to an Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Market Houses, for the expenses thereof, and for the care and management of the Wharves and Landings belonging to the City, for the year 1857, and to pay debts incurred in the year 1856.

Also,

That that they have passed an Ordinance to make an appropriation out of the income of the Girard Estates for lighting Delaware Avenue with gas, for the year 1857, and to provide for the payment of certain claims against the Girard College and Girard Estates, for the year 1856.

Laid on the table.

Also,

That they have appointed Messrs. Welsh, Taylor and Marselis, a Committee of Conference on the part of that body, upon the Bill making an appropriation to the City Controller.

And Messrs. Beideman, Verree and Ashton, a Committee of Conference, on the Bill making an appropriation to the Department of Water Works.

Mr. Sorver

Moved to adjourn

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 12th, 1857.

Council met.

The President being absent,

Mr. Stevenson

Moved that Mr. M. C. Brown take the Chair.

Agreed to.

Members present,

Messrs. Alexander.

Baird,
Baker, A. J.,
Baker, Abraham,
Barton,
Bevan,
Boller,
Bremer,
Bromley,
Brown, M. C.,
Brownholtz,
Brouse,
Craven,
Deal, J. F.,
Deal, William,
Dutton,
Elliott,

Messrs. Fidler,

Hagner,
Jackson,
Kelly,
Leech,
Martin,
Mascher,
McCleary,
McMakin,
McManus,
O'Neill,
Porter,
Snyder,
Stevenson,
Vogles,
Wright.

There not being a quorum of members present,

Mr. McMakin

Moved that Council take a recess of fifteen minutes.

Agreed to.

The time to which Council took a recess having arrived,

Mr. M. C. Brown,

President pro. tem., in the Chair,

The Clerk proceeded to call the Roll.

Members present,

Messrs. Alexander,
Baird,
Baker, A. J.,
Baker, Abraham,
Barton,
Bevan,
Boller,
Booth,
Boyle,
Bremer,
Bromley,
Brown, M. C.,
Brownholtz,
Brouse,
Butler,
Craven,
Deal, J. F.,
Deal, William,
Dutton,
Elliott,
Ford,

Messrs. Hagner,
Horrocks,
Jackson,
Kelly,
Leech,
Mascher,
Melloy,
Monaghan,
McCleary,
McMakin,
McManus,
McNeal,
Parker,
Porter,
Robb,
Snyder,
Stevenson,
Vanhorn,
Vogdes,
Winship,
Wright.

The Clerk having proceeded to read the Journal of the last meeting,

Mr. McMakin

Moved to dispense with the further reading thereof.

Agreed to.

Mr. Baird

Presented a petition from owners of property on Dela-

ware Avenue, between Dock and Spruce streets, asking that water pipe may be laid therein.

Referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Vogdes,

One from owners of property in the Twenty-fourth Ward, asking that Fowelson Avenue may be graded.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Leech,

One from William C. Bridge, asking to have refunded the amount of loss sustained by him in taking the loan for building the Chestnut street Bridge.

Mr. Butler,

A recommendation from Citizens of the Eighth Ward, against a division of the same.

Which were referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Hagner,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

Submitted a report with a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to levy and fix the rates of taxes for the year 1857." (Appendix No. 198.)

The Clerk having proceeded to some length with the reading of the report,

Mr. Martin

Moved to dispense with the further reading thereof, and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Ordinance.

Agreed to.

The Bill being read a second time.

Mr. Hagner,

On leave granted, offered the following:

Resolved, That when this Council adjourns it will be

to meet on Monday March 16th, at 3 o'clock, P. M., and that the Ordinance to "levy and fix the rate of Taxes for the year 1857," be the order of the day.

Agreed to.

Mr. Ford,

From the Committee on Highways, submitted a report with a Resolution to re-pave Gilpin street, and Miller street. (Appendix No. 199.)

Mr. Ford

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A report with a Resolution to authorize the paving of certain streets, in the several Wards therein mentioned. (Appendix No. 200.)

Mr. Ford

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Baird,

Chairman of the Committee on Port Wardens, Wharves and Landings,

Submitted a report with a Resolution authorizing the cleansing of the Dock at Spruce street wharf, on the Schuylkill. (Appendix No. 201.)

Mr. Baird

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A report with a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for leasing out the Public Landing at the end of Nice Town Lane on the river Schuylkill." (Appendix No. 202.)

Mr. Baird

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. Boller

Moved to lay the Bill on the table, and that it be printed for the use of members.

Agreed to.

Also,

A report with a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for leasing out Shakamaxon street Public Landing." (Appendix No. 203.)

Mr. Baird

Moved to postpone the consideration of the same and that it be printed for the use of members.

Agreed to.

Mr. Baird,

On leave granted offered the following:

Resolution relating to the further supplement to the Act Incorporating the Pennsylvania Rail Road Company.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that his Honor Richard Vaux, Mayor of the City, be instructed to vote (upon the stock of the Pennsylvania Rail Road Company, owned by the said City of Philadelphia,) at the meeting of the Stockholders of the Pennsylvania Rail Road Company, to be held April 6th, 1857, in favor of approving a certain Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approved

the 18th of April, A. D., 1856, entitled "a further supplement to an Act to Incorporate the Pennsylvania Rail Road Company, passed April 13th, A. D., 1846," and also in favor of a Resolution authorizing the Directors of said Company to locate and construct the Rail Road contemplated by the supplement referred to, whenever and wherever in their judgment, the best interests of the Company will be promoted thereby.

Mr. Baird

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Mr. Abraham Baker

Moved to postpone the consideration of the Resolution for the present, and that it be printed for the use of members.

Agreed to.

Mr. Leech

Moved to suspend the order of the day to proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 47, Common Council File, to make an appropriation to pay certain bills for copying and arranging certain records and papers in the office of the Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Leech and Vogdes,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Abr'm Baker, Bevan, Boller, Booth, Boyle, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Butler, Craven, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Ford, Hagner, Horrocks, Jackson, Leech, Lex, Mascher, Melloy, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Parker, Robb, Snyder and Vogdes.

NAYS—Messrs. Barton, Bremer, Brouse, Dutton, Fitler and Stevenson.

Yeas 29. Nays 6.

A quorum of members not having voted,

It was not agreed to.

Select Council

Informed Common Council that they insist on their amendments to the Bill from Common Council, to make an appropriation to the Board of Controllers of the Public Schools of the First School District of Pennsylvania for the purpose of defraying the cost of maintaining and managing the Schools of the said District, for the year 1857.

Also,

That they have concurred in the Bill to make an appropriation to the Department for supplying the City with water, with the following amendments, to wit:

Insert after the word "for" in the eighth line the words "one half of the expenses of," and add after the word "height," in the ninth line the words "the other half of said expense to be defrayed by the Schuylkill Navigation Company."

Also,

That they have passed a Bill, entitled "An Ordinance providing for the extinguishment of two certain ground rents."

Which were laid on the table. •

Also,

That they have concurred in the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to authorize the President of the Board of Managers of Wills' Hospital to draw certain warrants instead of the Superintendent of Trusts."

Also,

That they adhere to their amendments to the Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of Guardians of the Poor, to pay the expenses of that Department, for the year 1857."

And have appointed Messrs. Verree, Beideman and Ashton, a Committee of Conference, on the part of Select Council.

Also,

That they adhere to their amendments to the Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of City Property, for 1857."

And have appointed Messrs. Cuyler, McWhorter and Taylor, a Committee of Conference, on the part of Select Council.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, March 16th, 1857.

Council met pursuant to adjournment:

The President in the Chair.

Members present,

Messrs. Alexander.

Baird,
Baker, Abraham,
Barber,
Barton,
Bevan,
Boller,
Booth, $\frac{1}{2}$
Boric,
Bradford,
Bremer,
Bromley,
Brown, M. C.,
Brownholtz,
Brouse,
Butler,
Catherwood,
Craven,
Deal, William,
Fitler,
Ford,
Hagner, $\frac{1}{2}$
Harper,
Hassinger,
Henry, $\frac{1}{2}$
Holman,

Messrs. Horrocks,

Hubbard,
Jackson,
Kelly,
King,
Leech,
Lex,
Lindsay,
Mascher,
Melloy,
Miller,
Murphy,
McMakin,
McManus,
McNeal,
Northrop,
Owen,
Ridgway,
Robb,
Roberts, C. B.,
Roberts, Spencer,
Snyder,
Sorver,
Stevenson,
Vogdes,
Patterson, President.

Council proceeded to the consideration of Bill No. 81, Common Council File, "To levy and fix the rates of taxes for the year 1857."

The First Section being read,

Mr. Mascher

Moved to amend the same in the sixth line by striking out the words "Two hundred and ten" and inserting "One hundred and ninety."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Ridgway and Mascher,

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS.—Messrs. Alexander, Bevan, Boyle, Bremer, Brownholtz, Brouse, Butler, William Deal, Dougherty, Fitler, Hassinger, Holman, Horrocks, Jackson, Kelly, Lindsay, Mascher, Melloy, Murphy, C. B. Roberts, Spencer Roberts, Snyder and Vogdes.

NAYS.—Messrs. Baird, Abraham Baker, Barber, Barton, Boller, Booth, Borie, Bradford, Bromley, Benj. H. Brown, M. C. Brown, Catherwood, Craven, Ford, Hagner, Harper, Henry, Hubbard, King, Leech, Lex, Miller, McMakin, Mc Manus, McNeal, Northrop, Owen, Ridgway, Robb, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn and Patterson, President.

Yeas 23. Nays 33.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Leech

Moved to amend by adding to the end of the Section as follows:

Except that portion of the First Division of the Twenty-Fourth Ward as lies within the bounds of the King-sessing and Tinicum Meadow Company, and is subject to a tax by said Company for the purpose of keeping the banks in repair. On the land of said Company a tax of

one hundred and forty-six cents in the hundred dollars of the assessed value thereof.

Not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the First Section,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. William Deal and Hagner, and being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS.—Messrs. Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barber, Barton, Bevan, Boller, Booth, Borie, Bradford, Bromley, Benj. H. Brown, M. C. Brown, Catherwood, Craven, Dougherty, Ford, Hagner, Harper, Henry, Hubbard, King, Lex, Miller, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Northrop, Owen, Ridgway, Robb, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn and Patterson, President.

NAYS.—Messrs. Alexander, Boyle, Bremer, Brownholtz, Brouse, Butler, William Deal, Fitler, Hassinger, Holman, Horrocks, Jackson, Kelly, Leech, Lindsay, Marsh, Mascher, Melloy, Murphy, Porter, C. B. Roberts, Spencer Roberts, Snyder and Vogdes.

Yeas 34. Nays 24.

It was agreed to

The Second Section being read,

Mr. Owen

Moved to amend in the sixth line, by striking out the words “thirty-five,” and inserting “thirty-three.”

Agreed to.

Mr. Hassinger

Moved to amend in the eighteenth line, by striking out “fourteen” and inserting “sixteen.”

Agreed to.

The Second Section as amended was agreed to.

The Third Section being read,

Mr. Boyle

Moved to amend in the second line, by inserting after the word "rural " as follows, "Provided that the same be approved by the Board of Revision."

Not agreed to.

The Third Section was agreed to.

The Fourth Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Owen

Moved that Common Council adhere to their non-concurrence in the amendments made by Select Council to the Bill "to make an appropriation to the Board of Guardians of the Poor, to pay the expenses of the Department for the year 1857," and that a Committee of Conference be appointed thereon.

Agreed to.

The President

Appointed Messrs. Owen, King and Melloy, a Committee of Conference.

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the order of the day to proceed to the consideration of the Bill "to make an appropriation to the Department for supplying the City with water," as amended by Select Council. (See page 387.)

Agreed to.

Mr. Hassinger

Moved that Common Council concur in the amendments.

Agreed to.

The President

Presented the following communication from the Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,

March 16th, 1857.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :—

The following Ordinances have been approved and signed, viz :

On the 6th inst. An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the expenses of the Police Department, for the year 1857, and to pay expenses incurred during the year 1856.

On the 6th inst. An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department for supplying the City with water, for the year 1857, and to pay debts contracted in previous years.

On the 6th inst. An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Inspectors of the County Prison, for the year 1857.

On the 14th inst. An Ordinance to make an appropriation to defray expenses that may be incurred in the reception of the remains of the late Elisha Kent Kane.

On the 14th inst. An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of the City Treasurer, for the year 1857.

On the 14th inst. An Ordinance to change the boundary lines of the Seventh Division of the First Ward, and to make an additional division in the said Ward, and to establish a place of voting in said additional Division.

On the 16th inst. An Ordinance to authorize the President of the Board of Managers of Wills' Hospital to draw certain Warrants instead of the Superintendent of Trusts.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Catherwood

Offered the following :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Council of the City of Philadelphia, that Samuel Megarge, John Robbins Jr., and John G. Brenner, the Directors elected by these Councils, to represent the City, in the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Rail Road Company, be and they are hereby authorized to represent and to vote upon the stock held by the said City, at any meeting of the Stockholders of the Pennsylvania Rail Road Company, which is or may be called for the purpose of fixing the terminus of said Rail Road on the River Delaware.

Mr. Catherwood

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Lecch,

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reporting an Ordinance to have the Tax Duplicates for 1857 audited.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Holman,

On leave granted :

Presented a memorial from Citizens of Philadelphia, relating to the terminus of the Pennsylvania Rail Road on the Delaware River.

Also,

A petition from residents of the upper Wards of the City, asking permission for the Philadelphia and Trenton Rail Road Company to extend their Road to connect with the Northern Liberty and Penn Township Rail Road at Willow street.

Mr. Mascher,

One of like import,

Which were referred to the Committee on Rail Roads.

Mr. Baird,

Offered the following :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils, that the Commissioner of Markets be, and he is hereby directed to have the following Wharves on the Delaware River repaired, viz :

Arch street Wharf at a cost not exceeding \$55.00.

Almond street Wharf at a cost not exceeding \$ 50.00.

Alleghany Avenue Wharf at a cost not exceeding \$ 30.00.

Market street Wharf at a cost not exceeding \$ 150.00.

The said repairs to be done under the Supervision of the Committee on Port Wardens, and Wharves and Public Landings.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Miller,

Chairman of the Committee on Highways,

On leave granted :

Submitted a report with a Resolution authorizing the payment of Philip Quigley. (Appendix No. 204.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

Mr. Abraham Baker

Moved to amend the Resolution by adding to the end thereof, as follows, " the same to be charged to Item 14, of Bill No. 72, Common Council File, to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers and cleansing the City for the year 1857."

Agreed to.

The Resolution as amended was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Lex

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the Bill from Select Council, Providing for the extinguishment of two certain ground rents.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Owen

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 62, Common Council File, "To authorize a loan for the purchase of the Germantown, Richmond, Kensington, Northern Liberties, Southwark, and Moyamensing Gas Companies, and for the use of the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works."

Agreed to.

The First Section being read,

Mr. Owen

Moved to postpone the consideration of the same, and that it be made the special order of the day for Thursday next.

Agreed to.

Mr. A. J. Baker

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 76, Common Council File, "to provide for the care and management of the Steam Fire Engine Young America, and to make an appropriation for the same."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Crease

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 42, Common Council File, "to make an appropriation for the purposes therein mentioned."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Baird

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the Resolution, Common Council File, No. 84, "relating to the further supplement to the act incorporating the Pennsylvania Rail Road Company."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Mascher and O'Neill,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Bevan, Booth, Boyle, Bromley, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Catherwood, William Deal, Dougherty, Harper, Hubbard, Kelly, Leech, Lindsay, Marsh, Miller, McNeal, Owen, Porter, Robb, Slocum, Sorver, Vanhorn, Vogdes and Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Barber, Barton, Bolter, Benjamin H. Brown, Brouse, Crease, Craven, Fitler, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman, King, Lex, Mascher, Melloy, McManus, Northrop, O'Neill, Parker, Ridgway, C. B. Roberts, Snyder, Stevenson and Patterson, President.

Yeas 28. Nays 25.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Lex,

On leave granted offered the following :

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be requested to examine into and report upon the expediency of procuring the passage of an Act of Assembly, by which the Guardians of the Poor shall hereafter be appointed in the mode now prescribed for the appointment of Inspectors of the Prison.

Mr. Lex

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to adjourn.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Leech

Moved to suspend the order of the day to proceed to the consideration of the Bill No. 47, Common Council File "To make an appropriation to pay certain bills for copying and arranging records and papers in the office of the Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas."

Agreed to.

The First Section was agreed to.

The Second Section being read,

Mr. Miller

Moved to amend in the second line by striking out the word "Treasurer," and inserting "Solicitor."

Agreed to.

The Section as amended was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Craven

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 48, Common Council File, "to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers and cleansing the City, to pay certain

Road Damages, partly in certificates of City Debt and partly in money."

Agreed to.

The First, Second and Third Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Henry

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the Bill from Select Council, to make an appropriation out of the income of the Girard Estate for lighting Delaware Avenue with Gas, for the year 1857, and to provide for the payment of certain claims against the Girard College and Girard Estates for 1856.

Agreed to.

The First, Second, Third and Fourth Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 19th, 1857.

Council met.

The President in the Chair.

Members present,

Messrs. Alexander,
Baird,
Baker, A. J.,
Baker, Abraham,
Barber,
Barton,
Bevan,
Boller,
Booth,
Borie,
Boyle,
Bradford,
Bromley,
Brownholtz,
Butler,
Catherwood,
Crease,
Craven,
Davis,
Deal, J. F.,
Deal, William,
Dutton,
Fitler,
Ford,
Geiss,
Hagner,
Harper,
Hassinger,

Messrs. Hubbard,
Iseminger
Jackson,
King,
Lex,
Lindsay,
Mascher,
Mecutchen,
Melloy,
Miller,
Murphy,
McMakin,
McManus,
McNeal,
Northrop,
O'Neill,
Owen,
Parker,
Ridgway,
Roberts, C. B.,
Roberts, Spencer,
Roberts, T. J.,
Schofield,
Sorver,
Stevenson,
Welsh,
Winship,
Wright.

Patterson, President.

The Clerk having commenced reading the Journal,

Mr. Mascher

Moved to dispense with the further reading of the same.

Agreed to.

Messrs. Iseminger, Alexander, Miller, Mascher, Catherwood, McMakin, Boller, Ford, King, Harper, Booth, Butler, T. J. Roberts, Barber, McManus, Bromley and Ridgway,

Presented petitions in favor of the Resolution presented to Council, March 12th, 1857, authorizing the Mayor of the City to vote upon the stock of the Pennsylvania Rail Road Company, in favor of approving an Act of Assembly, approved April 18th, 1856, entitled "A further supplement to an act to incorporate the Pennsylvania Rail Road Company, and also in favor of a Resolution authorizing the Directors to locate the Rail Road contemplated in the supplement, whenever and wherever in their judgment the best interests of said Company will be promoted thereby."

Messrs. Catherwood, Henry, Barber, and Hassinger,

Presented petitions asking for the extension of the Philadelphia and Trenton Rail Road, from its present terminus to Willow street.

Mr. Stevenson,

A memorial in opposition to the extension of the Pennsylvania Railroad to a point on the Delaware River south of Broad street.

Which were referred to the Committee on Rail Road.

Mr. Lindsay,

A petition from owners of property in the First Ward, asking that Catharine street may be paved, from Broad street to Gray's Ferry Road.

Mr. Iseminger,

Bills from Messrs. Lafferty and McConnell, for work and materials due by the Department of Highways.

Mr. Miller,

Petitions from owners of property, respectively asking that Dickenson street, from Jefferson Avenue to Fourth street, Margaretta, from Mary to Wharton street, Mary east of Seventh street below Federal, and Aspen from Race to Cherry street may be paved.

Mr. Barber

Two petitions from Citizens of the Sixteenth Ward, asking that damages sustained by the opening of Linden street, between Frankford Road and Front street may be paid.

Mr. Jackson,

One of like import from owners of property in the Thirteenth Ward, asking that Franklin street, between Parrish and Poplar street.

Mr. Owen,

One from owners of property in the Twenty-second Ward, asking that Sheridan's Lane may be widened.

Mr. Holman,

Two of like import from owners of property in the Nineteenth Ward, on Dauphin street between Germantown Road and Frankford Road, and on Susquehanna Avenue, between Second street and the Germantown Road.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Lindsay

One from owners of property on Seventeenth street, between Christian and Carpenter street, asking that water pipes may be laid therein.

Mr. Schofield,

Two of like import from owners of property in the Nineteenth Ward, on Fourth Street from Diamond Street to Susquehanna Avenue, thence along the same to Fifth street and on Cumberland street between Seventh street and Germantown Road.

Mr. Mascher,

A remonstrance from John Yeager, against restoring a pump on Fourth street, between Columbia Avenue and Cherry street.

Mr. Holman,

Two of like import from owners of property in the Nineteenth Ward, on Dauphin street between Germantown Road and Frankford Road, and on Susquehanna Avenue, between Second street and Germantown.

Mr. Jackson,

One of like import from owners of property in the Thirteenth Ward, on Franklin street, between Parrish and Poplar streets.

Mr. T. J. Roberts,

One of like import from citizens of the Twenty-third Ward, on Frankford Road, and between Westmoreland street and the northern line of the late Borough of Frankford.

Which were referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Baird,

One from John Esray, Jr., asking that Catharine street Dock may be cleansed.

Referred to the Committee on Wharves and Landings.

Mr. Henry,

A Bill from Messrs. Randall and Meredith, for coal delivered by order of the City Commissioners, to the City building, May 1856.

Mr. Ridgway,

A petition from Citizens of the late District of Kensington, asking to be refunded the amount over paid for paving done in Franklin street, between Mulberry and Cherry streets.

Mr. Hagner,

A Bill from H. P. Sampson, for keeping in repair Lamps in Independence Square.

Which were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Northrop,

A protest from citizens against the division of the Eighth Ward.

Mr. Hagner,

A petition from the citizens of the Fifteenth Ward, asking for additional divisions in the same.

Mr. McManus,

A remonstrance against the same.

Which were referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Northrop,

A petition from owners of property in the Eighth Ward, asking for the construction of a culvert from the head of the culvert in Thirteenth below Walnut street, to Diamond below Chestnut.

Mr. Jackson,

One of like import from owners of property on Franklin above Parrish.

Which were referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Mr. Northrop,

A petition from owners of property of the Eighth Ward, asking for a public lamp to be placed at the corner of Thirteenth and Diamond streets.

Mr. Brownholtz,

One of like import from owners of property in Kender-ton, Twenty-first Ward.

Which were referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. T. J. Roberts,

One from Isaac G. Thomas, asking relief for injury sustained by a Buck in the Logan Square.

Which was referred to the Committee on City Property.

The President

Presented a petition from owners of property in the vicinity of the south-east corner of Sixteenth and Filbert streets, asking that a nuisance may be abated.

Referred to the Committee on City Property.

Also,

A communication from F. Knox Morton, City Treasurer, certified by Richard Vaux, Mayor, and Stephen Taylor, Controller, in relation to the cancellation of certain certificates of five per cent. loan. (Appendix No. 205.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. Hagner,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

Submitted a report with "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay a judgment in favor of Henry T. Grout." (Appendix No. 206.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Bill.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be prepared for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Also,

Submitted a report with "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay interest on warrants and certificates of loan." (Appendix No. 207.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Butler,

Chairman of the Committee on Gas Works,

Submitted a report adverse to the application of Barton H. Jenks, for the privilege of laying gas pipes in certain streets in Bridesburg. (Appendix No. 208.)

Also,

A report favorable to the applications of citizens of Manayunk in the Twenty-first Ward, asking that the Manayunk Gas Works may be purchased by the City, and placed under the management of the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works. (Appendix No. 209.)

Which were laid on the table.

Mr. Winship,

Chairman of the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department,

Reported as committed the Resolution from Select Council, to remove Fire Alarm Box No. 52. (Appendix No. 210.)

Mr. Winship

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A report with "an Ordinance to authorize the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department to cancel warrant No. 449 of his Department and to re-appropriate the amount of said warrant to the Good Will Fire Engine Company." (Appendix No. 211.)

Mr. Winship

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and only Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be read a third time.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Abraham Baker,

Chairman of the Committee of Conference,

On the Bill to make an appropriation to the Department of City Property for the year 1857, submitted a report. (Appendix No. 212.)

Mr. Abraham Baker

Moved that the report be adopted.

Agreed to.

Mr. Northrop,

Chairman of the Committee on Surveys and Regulations,
Submitted a report with "an Ordinance to authorize

the construction of a certain culvert or drain along the east side of Broad street, from a point two hundred feet above Race street, to the intersection of Race and Broad street." (Appendix No. 213.)

Mr. Northrop

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And] the Bill ordered to be transcribed for third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Sorver,

Chairman of the Committee on Claims,

Submitted a report with a Resolution referring the claim of J. N. Henderson, for two warrants drawn in favor of James Goodman, to the Committee on Finance, to be embodied in an Ordinance for the payment of the same. (Appendix No. 214.)

Mr Sorver

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. O'Neill,

Chairman of the Committee on Law,

Submitted a report with a Resolution to enter satisfaction on official bonds of George M. Hill as tax collector of late Fifth Ward, Kensington. (Appendix No. 215.),

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Owen,

Chairman of the Committee on Schools,

Submitted a report with an "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Controllors of Public Schools, for the purpose of re-building or repairing the building heretofore occupied by the Levering School in the Twenty-first Ward." (Appendix No. 216.) See Appendix No. 196.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Hassinger,

Chairman of the Committee on Water Works,

Submitted a report with a Resolution referring Bill of Briggs and Co., to the Committee on Highways, and the Bill of Robert Clark, Jr., M. A. Kellogg and John Loudenslager, to the Committee on Claims. (Appendix No. 217.)

Mr. Hassinger

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A report with a Resolution instructing the Chief Engineer of the Department for supplying the City with water, to draw a warrant in favor of Messrs. Colwell & Co., for water pipes. (Appendix No. 218.)

Mr. Hassinger

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A report with a Resolution instructing the Chief Engineer to invite proposals for water pipe, and to purchase materials for making stop cocks. (Appendix No. 219.)

Mr. Sorver

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Owen,

Chairman of the Committee of Conference on the Bill to make an appropriation to the Board of Guardians of the Poor to pay the expenses of that Department, for the year 1857, submitted a report. (Appendix No. 220.)

Mr. Owen

Moved that the report be adopted.

Agreed to

The President

The following communication from the Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN :—

The following Ordinances and Joint Resolution have been approved and signed, viz :

On the 17th inst. An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of City Commissioners, to meet the expenses of that Department, for the year 1857.

On the 17th inst. An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Receiver of Taxes, for the year 1857.

On the 19th inst. A Resolution in reference to the reception of President Pierce.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,
Mayor of Philadelphia.

Laid on the table.

Also,

A communication from the Mayor, submitting an application by William J. Phillips, Superintendent of Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph, for an appropriation to pay for the removal of Telegraph Poles, from the corner of York street and Plank Road to Frankford. (Appendix No. 221.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Bill No. 62, Common Council File, to authorize a loan for the purchase of the Gas Works of the Germantown, Richmond, Kensington, Northern Liberties and Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Companies, and for the use of the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works, being under consideration.

The First Section being read,

Mr. Butler

Moved to amend in the Fourteenth line after the word "dollars" by adding as follows, "and for the works of the Manayunk Gas Company, sixty-five thousand dollars."

Agreed to.

The Section as amended was agreed to.

The Second Section being under consideration,

On the motion to adopt the same.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Henry and Barber,

And being ordered were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Barton, Bevan, Boller, Booth, Borie, Boyle, Bromley, Brownholtz, Butler, Catherwood, Crease, William Deal, Dutton, Geiss, Holman, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, King, Lex, Lindsay, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, Murphy, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Owen, Porter, Robb, C. B. Roberts, Spencer Roberts, Schofield, Sorver, Vanhorn and Welsh.

NAYS—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Barber, Bradford, Benjamin H. Brown, M. C. Brown, Craven, Davis, J. F. Deal, Fitler, Ford, Hagner, Harper, Hassinger, Henry, Hubbard, Marsh, Northrop, Ridgway, Stevenson, Winship and Patterson, President.

Yeas 42. Nays 21.

It was agreed to.

The Third Section being under consideration,

Mr. Butler

Moved to amend in the seventh line, by inserting after the word "Company" as follows, "the Manayunk Gas Company."

Agreed to.

The Section as amended was agreed to.

The Fourth and Fifth Sections were agreed to.

Mr. Butler

Moved to reconsider the vote by which the Fifth Section was adopted.

Agreed to.

Mr. Butler

Moved to amend in the fourth line, by inserting after the word "Works" as follows, "to fix the price of Gas."

Agreed to.

The Section as amended was agreed to.

The Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Sections were agreed to.

The Title being under consideration,

Mr. Barton

Moved to amend the same, by inserting after the word Company in the fifth line, as follows, "the Manayunk Gas Company."

Agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the same for the present.

Agreed to.

Mr. Northrop

Offered the following :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Council of Philadelphia, that the Department of Surveys be authorized and is hereby directed to obtain and place on record in the said Department for public inspection, the depth, proportions, inclination and condition of all Sewers and drains that may be constructed within the limits of the City of Philadelphia, and not already on the file of the said Department.

Mr. Northrop

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Mascher

Offered the following :

Whereas, It appears by the published proceedings of the Legislature of Pennsylvania, of the 18th inst., that a

Bill was introduced therein, proposing to confer the power on the Mayor of Philadelphia, to employ temporary Policemen, and Whereas, it is the opinion of the Councils of said City, that the present police force thereof is quite adequate to perform all the duties required thereof, for the preservation of the peace and good order of the community, and that the cost of maintaining the present force is already too onerous, therefor

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of Philadelphia, that the Representatives from the City of Philadelphia, in the Legislature of Pennsylvania, be and are hereby requested to use all honorable means to defeat the passage of the Bill now before them, proposing to give to the Mayor of this City, power to appoint temporary policemen.

Resolved, That the Clerks of Councils be directed to furnish copies of these Resolutions to all the Senators and Representatives from the City of Philadelphia.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Holman,

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the Board of Health be notified that persons are depositing privy filth in the neighborhood of the Kensington Water Reservoir, in violation of the Act of Assembly, prohibiting the same.

Mr. Holman

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. A. J. Baker

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 76, Common Council File, "to provide for the care and management of the Steam Fire Engine Young America, and to make an appropriation for the same."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. A. J. Baker and Holman,

And being ordered, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barber, Barton, Bevan, Boller, Booth, Bradford, Bromley, M. C. Brown, Butler, Craven, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Ford, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, King, Lex, Marsh, Mecutchen, Melloy, Murphy, McMakin, McNeal, Owen, Ridgway, Robb, Spencer Roberts, Vanhorn, Winship, Wright and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Boyle, Benjamin H. Brown, Brownholtz, Crease, Dutton, Geiss, Iseminger, Kelly, Lindsay, Mascher, Miller, McManus, Schofield, Sorver, Stevenson and Welsh.

Yeas 36. Nays 18.

Agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration,

Mr. J. F. Deal

Moved to strike out the word "Diligent" in the second line, and insert "Northern Liberty."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Stevenson and Barton,

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barber, Barton, Boyle, Benjamin H. Brown, Brownholtz, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dutton, Geiss, Iseminger, Kelly, Mascher, Miller, Murphy, McMakin, McManus, Porter, C. B. Roberts, Sorver, Stevenson and Welsh.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Bevan, Boller, Booth, Bradford, M. C. Brown, Crease, Craven, Ford, Hagner, Harper, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Hubbard, King, Lex, Lindsay, Marsh, Monaghan, McNeal, Northrop, O'Neill, Owen, Ridgway, Robb, Spencer Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Schofield, Vanhorn, Winship, Wright and Patterson, President.

Yeas 21 Nays 35.

Not agreed to.

Mr. A. J. Baker

Moved to add after the word "Diligent," the word "Fire."

Agreed to.

Mr. Welsh

Moved to strike out all after the enacting cause, and insert as follows :

That the Steam Fire Engine, Young Amerca, shall be returned to the Trustees and original owners, and that the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department shall furnish the Trustees of the Steam Fire Engine Young America, viz: I. Cowperthwait, Stephen Colwell, William V. Pettit and Henry D. Sherrerd, each with a copy of this Ordinance, and request them to take possession of and remove the said Engine forthwith.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Mascher and Welsh.

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Barber, Borie, Boyle, Benjamin H. Brown, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dutton, Geiss, Hubbard, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, Lindsay, Mascher, Mecutchen, Miller, Murphy, McManus, O'Neill, Owen, Porter, Schofield, Sorver, Stevenson and Welsh.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker,

Barton, Bevan, Boller, Booth, Bradford, Butler, Crease Craven, Ford, Hagner, Harper, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, King, Lex, Marsh, Monaghan, Parker, Ridgway, Robb, Spencer Roberts, Vanhorn, Wright and Patterson, President.

Yeas 28. Nays 28.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to amend, by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting as follows :

That the Ordinance approved May 2, A. D. 1856, entitled "An Ordinance, providing for the care and management of the City Steam Fire Engine 'Young America,' " shall be, and the same is hereby repealed, and that the powers, duties, salaries and perquisites of the Chief and Assistant Engineers, Drivers and Workmen, provided for by said Ordinance, shall cease on and after the passage hereof.

Mr. Miller

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the same for the present.

Agreed to.

Mr. Northrop

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 78, Common Council File, "to make an appropriation to Thomas Fletcher."

Agreed to.

The First and only Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Baird,

On leave granted, offered the following :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Council of the City of Philadelphia, that the Commissioner of Markets be, and he is hereby authorized to have the Dock at the foot of Walnut street cleaned, at a cost not exceeding five hundred dollars, to be done under the supervision of the Committee on Port Wardens, Wharves and Public Landings.

Agreed to.

Mr. Baird

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. O'Neill

Offered the following :

Whereas, It is apparent that the system of taxing only Real Estate for the expenses of City government is exceedingly oppressive upon tenants occupying small houses, and is depreciating Real Estate in the entire City,

Therefore be it resolved, that a Joint Committee of three be appointed from each Chamber, to inquire and report at the next meeting, whether Councils have the power to tax personal property for county purposes, to wit: School, Court and Highways. And also to report the probable amount of personal property subject to assessment.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

Read twice and adopted.

And Messrs. O'Neill, Lex and Robb, appointed a Committee on behalf of Common Council.

Mr. Harper,

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to

the consideration of Bill No. 74, Common Council File, to enter satisfaction on the claim of the City, against E. Bender.

Agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the First Section,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Miller and Northrop,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Barber, Booth, Bradford, Benjamin H. Brown, Craven, Harper, Mecutchen, O'Neill, Owen, Parker, Ridgway and Welsh.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Abraham Baker, Bevan, Boyle, M. C. Brown, Butler, Crease, J. F. Deal, Dutton, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman, Hubbard, Kelly, Mascher, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Northrop, Robb, C. B. Roberts, Schofield, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Winship, Wright and Patterson President.

Yeas 12. Nays. 32.

It was not agreed to.

Select Council

Informed that they have appointed on the Committee of conference on the Bill to make an appropriation to the Board of Controllers of the Public Schools, Messrs. Welsh, Wainwright and Beideman.

Mr. Owen,

Chairman of the Committee of Conference,

On the Bill to make an appropriation to the Board of Controllers of the First School District, of the State of Pennsylvania, to pay the expenses of said District for the year 1857, submitted a report. (Appendix No. 222.)

Mr. Owen

Moved that the report be adopted.

Mr. Parker

Moved to postpone the consideration of the same and that the Bill be printed for the use of members.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Parker Harper,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Harper, O'Neill and Parker.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Abraham Baker, Barber, Bevan, Boyle, Bradford, Benjamin H. Brown, M. C. Brown, Butler, Crease, J. F. Deal, Dutton, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Hubbard, Iseminger, Kelly, Lex, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Miller, Monaghan, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Northrop, Owen, Robb, C. B. Roberts, Schofield, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Welsh, Winship, Wright and Patterson, President.

Yeas 3. Nays 39.

Not agreed to.

The motion of Mr. Owen was agreed to.

Mr. Owen,

On leave granted, offered the following :

Resolved, That West Washington Avenue in the Twenty-second Ward, from Germantown Avenue or Main street, to Morton street, be opened to the full width of fifty feet.

Referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Select Council

Informed Common Council, that they have passed a Resolution and Preamble "in relation to J. M. Raybold, Esq."

Mr. Miller

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

The Preamble being under consideration,

Mr. Henry

Moved to reconsider the vote by which the Resolution was adopted.

Agreed to.

Mr. Henry

Moved to refer the same to the Committee on Law, with directions to obtain the opinion of the City Solicitor thereon.

Agreed to.

Also,

That they have passed a Bill, "entitled an Ordinance to re-appropriate the amount authorized to be expended by an Ordinance, to make an appropriation for the use of the Girard College for Orphans, approved December 6th, 1856, the same having merged on the first day of January, 1857.

Also,

That they have passed a Resolution, returning thanks to Charles A. Grice, Esq., for a cane made from one of the timbers of the Frigate Philadelphia.

Which were laid on the table.

Also,

That they have passed a Resolution, relative to requesting our Senators and Representatives in the Legislature to submit such amendments to the present Laws as will relieve the City of the expense of publishing the list of delinquent personal tax payers, and recording Ordinances.

Referred to the Committee on Law.

Also,

That they have passed a Resolution to authorize the Department of Highways to proceed with the grading of Girard Avenue, in the Twentieth Ward.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

That they have concurred in the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay interest on outstanding Warrants and to pay certificates of loan.

Also,

In "An Ordinance to authorize the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department to cancel warrant No. 449, of his Department and to re-appropriate the amount of said warrant to the Good Will Fire Engine Company."

Also,

In "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay the Judgment of Henry T. Grout."

Also,

Informed that they have concurred in the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner of Markets to repair Arch, Almond, Alleghany and Market street wharves.

Also,

That they have adopted the report of the Committee of Conference in reference to the Bill making an appropriation to the Controllors of the Public Schools.

Also,

That they have adopted the report of the Committee of Conference upon the disagreement of the two Chambers upon the Bill making an appropriation to the Board of Guardians of the Poor for the year 1857.

Also,

The report of the Committee of Conference, in reference to the Bill making an appropriation to the Department of City Property.

Mr. Schofield

Moved to adjourn,

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 26th, 1857.

Council met.

The President in the Chair.

Members present,

Messrs. Alexander,
Baird,
Baker, A. J.,
Baker, Abraham,
Barber,
Barton,
Bevan,
Boller,
Booth,
Borie,
Bradford,
Bremer,
Bromley,
Brown, Benjamin H.
Brown, M. C.,
Brownholtz,
Brouse,
Butler,
Catherwood,
Crease,
Craven,
Deal, J. F.,
Deal, William,
Dougherty,
Dutton,
Ford,
Geiss,
Hagner,

Messrs. Harper,
Hassinger,
Holman,
Horrocks,
Hubbard,
Iseminger
Jackson,
Kelly,
King,
Leech,
Lex,
Lindsay,
Marsh,
Martin,
Mascher,
Mecutchen,
Melloy,
Miller,
Murphy,
McCleary,
McMakin,
McManus,
McNeal,
Northrop,
O'Neill,
Owen,
Parker,
Porter,

Messrs. Ridgway,
Robb,
Roberts, C. B.,
Roberts, Spencer,
Schofield,
Slocum,
Sorver,

Messrs. Stevenson,
Vanhorn,
Vogdes,
Welsh,
Winship,
Wright.
Patterson, President.

The Clerk having commenced reading the minutes of the last meeting,

Mr. B. H. Brown

Moved to dispense with the further reading thereof.

Agreed to.

Mr. Alexander

Presented petitions from owners of property in the First Ward, asking that water pipe may be laid on Watkins street, between Fourth and Sixth streets, and on Fourth street, between Moore and Mifflin streets, in said Ward.

Mr. Horrocks

One of like import from owners of property on Frankford Road and Frankford street, between Westmoreland street and the northern line of the old Borough of Frankford.

Which were referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Alexander,

One from owners of property in the First Ward, calling the attention of Councils to certain nuisances in said Ward.

Mr. Miller

One from owners of property fronting on Johnson street, between Twentieth and Twenty-first streets, asking that the same may be paved.

Mr. Barber

One from owners of property in the Eighteenth Ward, asking that Dean street between Franklin and Bedford streets may be opened,

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Baird

One from residents of the upper Wards of the City, asking permission for the Philadelphia and Trenton Rail Road Company to extend their road so as to connect with the Northern Liberties and [Penn. Township Rail Road at Willow street.

Messrs. Hubbard, Barber and B. H. Brown,

Presented petitions of like import.

Mr. McCleary

One from owners of property on Front street in the vicinity of the Trenton Rail Road Company, asking that a certain portion of said street may be curbed and paved.

Which were referred to the Committee on Rail Roads.

Mr. Sorver

One from Citizens of the Seventh Division of the Twelfth Ward, asking a change of the place of holding the elections.

Mr. Harper

One of like import from citizens of the Eighth Division of the Thirteenth Ward.

Mr. Crease

One of like import from citizens of the Fifth Division of the Twenty-First Ward,

Which were referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Wright

One from owners of property in the Fifteenth Ward, asking that a Culvert may be constructed on Twenty-Fourth street between Coates and Pratt streets.

Referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Mr. Schofield

One from owners of property on Second street, asking that the new line of Omnibusses placed thereon by Joseph Glenat may be removed.

Referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Hagner

Chairman of the Committee on Finance, submitted a Report with "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay a certain Judgment against the City of Philadelphia" (Appendix No. 223.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration the same.

Agreed to.

The First, Second and Third Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Baird

Chairman of the Committee on Wharves and Landings submitted a Report with a Resolution, authorizing the Commissioner of Markets to have the Dock at Catharine street Wharf cleansed. (Appendix No. 224.)

Mr. Baird

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Hagner

Chairman of the Committee on Finance submitted a Report with "An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the support of Convicts in the Eastern Penitentiary for 1856, and to pay certain Claims against the Corporation." (Appendix No. 225.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. Mascher

Chairman of the special Committee to which was referred the Message of the Mayor disapproving of the Resolutions admitting the Independence Hose Company and the Union Engine Company into the Fire Department, submitted a Report with Resolutions in relation thereto. (Appendix No. 226.)

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the Second reading and consideration of the Resolutions.

Agreed to.

The Resolutions were read twice and adopted.

Mr. Sorver

Chairman of the Committee on Claims submitted a Report adverse to the payment of certain Claims for paving Franklin street between Mulberry and Cherry streets in the old District of Kensington, with a Resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 227.)

Mr. Sorver

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Submitted a Report favorable to the payment of the claims of Randall and Meredith, and Logan and Allcott, with a Resolution that the same be referred to the Committee on Finance to embody in an Ordinance for the payment thereof, and to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 228.)

Mr. Sorver

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Wm. Deal

Offered the following :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be authorized and required to notify the owners of property on Fifteenth street and Carlisle street from Thompson street to Columbia Avenue, and on Jefferson street, Oxford street and Columbia Avenue from Broad to Fifteenth street, to curb and pave their foot-ways according to Law.

Mr. Wm. Deal

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Owen

Offered the following :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Council of Philadelphia, that the Department of Surveys be hereby authorized and directed to prepare a sectional plan of that portion of the Twenty-second Ward, included between Neff street and Mermaid Lane east and west, and the Township Line north and south, and that proper land-marks be permanantly fixed, and that such grade regulations be established thereon as the necessities of the City shall require.

Mr. Owen

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution being read a second time,

Mr. Abraham Baker

Moved to refer the Resolution to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Agreed to.

Mr. Owen

Offered the following :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of Philadelphia, that the City Solicitor be authorized and directed to release a lot belonging to Mr. Jesse T. Vogdes, one of the securities of Thomas McCullough and Silas Suplee, situate on the north side of Chestnut street, between Nineteenth and Twentieth streets.

Mr. Owen

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution being read a second time,

Mr. Northrop

Moved to refer the same to the Committee on Finance.

Not agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the Resolution,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Northrop and Mascher,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Booth, Bradford, Brouse, William Deal, Dutton, Geiss, Hagner, Harper, Holman, Horrocks, Hubbard, Iseminger, Jackson, Kelly, Leech, Lindsay, Martin, Melloy, Miller, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Owen, Ridgway, Spencer Roberts, Slocum, Welsh, Winship and Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Barber, Bevan, Bremer, Benjamin H. Brown, Craven, King, Lex, Marsh, Mascher, Mecutchen, Northrop, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn and Patterson, President.

Yeas 34. Nays 16.

It was adopted.

Mr. Dougherty,

Chairman of the Committee on Rail Roads,

On leave granted, submitted a report with a Resolution, instructing Richard Vaux, Mayor of the City, to vote upon the stock of the Pennsylvania Rail Road Company, owned by the City, in favor of approving a certain Act, supplementary to an Act to incorporate said Company. (Appendix No. 229.)

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Mascher and Barber,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Bevan, Booth, Bradford, Bromley, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Davis, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Harper, Holman, Horrocks, Hubbard, Iseminger, Kelly, King, Leech, Lindsay, Marsh, Martin, Mecutchen, Miller, McCleary, McMakin, McNeal, Porter, Spencer Roberts, Slocum, Vogdes and Winship.

NAYS—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Barber, Boller, Bremer, Benjamin H Brown, Craven, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Jackson, Lex, Mascher, Melloy, Murphy, McManus, Northrop, Ridgway, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Wright and Patterson, President.

Yeas 35. Nays 21.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Miller,

Chairman of the Committee on Highways,

Submitted a report and Resolutions relative to the paving of certain streets. (Appendix No. 230.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolutions.

Agreed to.

The Resolutions were read twice and adopted.

Bill No. 62, Common Council File, "To authorize a Loan for the purchase of the Germantown, Richmond, Kensington, Northern Liberties, Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Companies" being under consideration,

Mr. Mascher

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the same, and that it be made the order of the day for Thursday next.

Agreed to.

Mr. Miller

On leave granted, submitted a Report recommending the adoption of an Ordinance from Select Council "to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and Cleansing the City, for the purposes therein mentioned." (Appendix No. 231.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First Section being read,

Mr. Abraham Baker

Moved to amend the same, adding to the end of the Section as follows: "The same to be charged to Item 3, of Ordinance making appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers and cleansing the City for the year 1857."

Agreed to.

The Section as amended was agreed to.

The Second Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Also,

On leave granted, submitted a Report in reference to the application of owners of property on Delancey Place for permission to occupy the foot ways to a certain distance for the purpose of planting shrubbery, &c. (Appendix No. 232.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. Northrop

Chairman of the Committee on Surveys and Regulations,

Submitted a Report with "an Ordinance supplementary to an Ordinance, re-organizing the Department of Surveys." (Appendix No. 233.)

Mr. Northrop

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First Section was agreed to.

The Second Section being read,

Mr. Hassinger

Moved to amend, by inserting after the word "received" the words "and keep an account thereof.

Agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Moved to further amend by adding after the word "return" the words "under oath," and inserting after the word "of," in the sixth line, the words "each item."

Agreed to.

The Section as amended was agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill

Offered the following as a new Section :

SEC. 3. That the salary of the Recording Clerk be increased Two Hundred Dollars per year in addition to the sum of Eight Hundred Dollars as now provided by Ordinance.

Mr. Mascher

Moved that the further consideration of the Bill be postponed for the present.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Mascher and Bremer,

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Barber, Benjamin H. Brown, Craven, Hagner, McManus, Northrop, O'Neill and Spencer Roberts.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barton, Bevan, Borie, Bradford, Bremer, Bromley, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Catherwood, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Fitler, Ford, Geiss, Hassinger, Horrocks, Hubbard, Iseminger, Kelly, King, Leech, Lex, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Miller, Murphy, McMakin, Owen, Porter, Ridgway, Robb, Slocum, Sorver, Stevenson, Welsh, Wright and Patterson, President.

Yeas 9. Nays 44.

Not agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Hagner,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

Submitted a report with "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay the claim of Thomas Oliver Goldsmith, late Coroner. (Appendix No. 234.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. O'Neill

Chairman of the Committee on Law submitted a Report adverse to the payment of the claims of John Adams and C. Colket, for damages against the City, with a Resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. Appendix No. 235.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Baird

Moved to proceed to the consideration of Resolution Common Council File, No. 84, "Relating to the further Supplement to the Act incorporating the Pennsylvania Rail Road.

Agreed to.

The Resolution being read,

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to strike out all after the word "six" in the ninth line.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Brown and Barber,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Barber, Barton, Boller, Bradford, Bremer, Benjamin H. Brown, Catherwood, Crease, Craven, J. F. Deal, Dougherty, Fitler, Geiss, Isenminger, Jackson, King, Leech, Lindsay, Marsh, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Murphy, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Northrop, Parker, Porter, Ridgway, Slocum, Sorver and Stevenson.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Bevan, Booth, Brouse, William Deal, Dutton, Harper, Hubbard, Kelly, Lex, Miller, O'Neill, Owen, Robb, Spencer Roberts, Welsh and Patterson, President.

Yeas 34. Nays 18.

Agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to strike out in the fifth line, the words "in favor of," and insert the word "against."

Mr. Schofield

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the subject for the present.

Agreed to.

The President

Presented the following communications from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER,
OF THE PHILADELPHIA FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Honorable the Members of the Select
and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :

Agreeably to the 8th Section of the Ordinance re-organizing the Fire Department, I beg leave to report the "Delaware Engine Company" for attending the fire in the Seventh District on the morning of the 22d inst. Also, the "United States Hose Company," for attending the fire on the morning of the 23d inst., at South street Wharf, First District; and for attending the fire the same morning at the N. E. corner of Front and South streets.

Yours respectfully,

S. P. FEARON,

Chief Engineer Fire Department.

March 26, 1857.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER,
OF THE PHILADELPHIA FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Honorable the Members of the Select
and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :

Agreeably to the 8th Section of the Ordinance re-organizing the Fire Department, I beg leave to report the

“Washington Hose Company” for attending the fire on the evening of the 14th inst., back of Olive street, East of 12th, Fourth District.

Yours very respectfully,

S. P. FEARON,

Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER,
OF THE PHILADELPHIA FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Honorable the members of the Select
and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :

I beg leave to inform your honorable bodies that the Steam Fire Engine “Young America” is out of service on account of a portion of her Flues being broken or bursted, and the Suction Hose entirely worthless, and not having any authority in the premises, I am unable to make any contract for such repairs as will prepare her for immediate action.

Yours very respectfully,

S. P. FEARON,

Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

March 19, 1857.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER,
OF THE PHILADELPHIA FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Honorable the members of the Select and
Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :—

I beg leave to ask your honorable bodies through your proper Committee for a better supply of water in the Twenty-fourth Ward, as in two instances of late during fire, the Plugs in that District run dry in fifteen minutes.

Also, ask that a Fire Alarm Box may be placed in the

Office of the Water Works, for the purpose of informing the Engineer to start the Engine when a fire occurs.

Hoping the matter will receive your earliest attention.

I Remain yours, &c.,

S. P. FEARON,

Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

March 19, 1857.

Which were referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Also,

The following from the Board of Health.

HEALTH OFFICE,

Philadelphia, March 25th 1857.

At a stated meeting of the Board of Health held this day it was Resolved, That the Clerk be authorized to inform Councils of the death of T. J. P. Stokes, M. D., member from the Eighth Ward, and a vacancy in the Third Ward, occasioned by the resignation of Joshua M. Raybold, Esq.

R. H. GORBUTT,

Clerk.

To the President of Common Council.

Also,

The following from the Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,

March 26th, 1857.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN :

The following Ordinances and Joint Resolution have been approved and signed, viz :

On the 23d inst. An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay the Judgments of Henry T. Grout.

On the 23d inst. An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department for supplying the City with water.

On the 23d inst. An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay the interest on outstanding warrants and pay certificates of loan.

On the 23d inst. An Ordinance to authorize the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department to cancel warrant No. 449 of his Department, and to re-appropriate the amount of said warrant to the Good Will Engine Company.

On the 23d inst. A Resolution directing the Chief Commissioner of Markets to have certain Wharves repaired.

On the 26th inst. An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of City Property, for the expenses thereof, for the year 1857.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia

Which were laid on the table.

Mr. Harper

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the Resolution from Select Council, "providing for a Joint Special Committee of three members from each Chamber, to meet a Committee of Merchants and other Citizens, to confer upon the most satisfactory method and equitable basis, upon which the removal of the Markets from Market street and other accommodations in lieu thereof may be adjusted.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Kelly and Ridgway,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Abraham Baker, Barber, Barton, M. C. Brown, Crease, Craven, Hagner, Hassinger, Hubbard, King, Mascher, Mecutchen, Parker, Ridgway, Robb, C. B. Roberts, Sorver, Stevenson and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Bevan, Boller, Benjamin H. Brown, Brouse, William Deal, Dutton, Kelly and Winship.

Yeas 21. Nays 8.

A quorum of members not having voted,
It was not agreed to.

Select Council

Informed Common Council, that they have passed a Resolution "to pave Franklin, Thompson, Lewis, Stiles and Aspen streets."

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

To return thanks to Messrs Altemus and Company, for a copy of the Bible to be placed in Independence Hall.

Also,

Have concurred in the Resolution to authorize the cleansing of the Dock at the foot of Spruce street, on the River Schuylkill, with the following amendment,

Insert after the word "dollars," the words "and the Dock at the foot of Locust street, on the Schuylkill River, cleansed at a cost not exceeding three hundred dollars."

Also,

Have concurred in the Resolution to authorize the paving of certain streets, the re-paving of Lombard street, and for other purposes, with the following amendment, viz :

Amend the second Resolution by inserting after the word "Ward" in the fourth line, the words "and Miller street, from Thirteenth to Broad street, Fourteenth Ward, the curb set in and the cartways paved with tramways."

Also,

Have concurred in the Resolution to authorize the Solicitor to enter satisfaction on the official bond of George M. Hill, with the following amendment, viz :

Amend by adding at the end thereof, "whenever the City Controller shall certify that his accounts have been satisfactorily settled."

Also,

Have concurred in the Resolution to authorize the Chief Engineer of the Water Works to draw a warrant in favor of Messrs. Colwell and Company, for pipes, &c., with the following amendment, viz :

Amend by adding at the end of the Resolution the words, "and that the amount of two thousand dollars be appropriated to pay for materials and other fixtures already furnished for laying water pipe, and to pay for labor already done in fitting up said fixtures, for the year 1857."

Also,

Have concurred in the Resolution to authorize the Chief Engineer of the Water Department to invite proposals for water pipe, and to purchase materials for stop cocks, for the year 1857, with the following amendment,

Strike out all after the word Resolution and insert as follows :

"By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the Chief Engineer of the Water Works be instructed to invite proposals for water pipe, and the necessary materials for making stop cocks and other fixtures for laying water pipes, contemplated in Items 35 and 42, and that he be authorized to lay water pipes in the streets now ordered by Councils, and that no contract shall be made without the approval of Councils."

Also,

Have concurred in the Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay certain bills for copying and arranging records and papers in the office of the Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas."

Also,

Have concurred in the Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay Thomas Fletcher."

Also,

Have concurred in the Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to authorize the construction of a certain Culvert or Drain along the east side of Broad street, from a point 200 feet above Race street, to the intersection of Race and Broad streets."

Also,

Have concurred in the amendment of Common Council, to the Bill from Select Council, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, for the purposes therein mentioned."

Also,

Have concurred in the "Resolution to authorize the paving of certain streets in the several Wards therein named."

Also,

Have concurred in the "Resolution to authorize the payment of a claim of Philip Quigley."

Also,

Have concurred in the "Resolution to authorize the cleansing of the Dock at the foot of Walnut street."

Also,

In the Resolution directing a record to be made for depths, &c., of Culverts.

Which were laid on the table.

Mr. Northrop

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 2d, 1857.

Council met.

The President in the Chair.

Members present,

Messrs. Alexander,
Baird,
Baker, A. J.,
Baker, Abraham,
Barber,
Barton,
Bevan,
Boller,
Booth,
Boyle,
Bradford,
Bremer,
Bromley,
Brown, Benjamin H.
Brownholtz,
Brouse,
Butler,
Crease,
Craven,
Deal, William,
Dougherty,
Dutton,
Elliott,
Fitler,
Ford,
Hagner,
Harper,
Hassinger,

Messrs. Henry,
Holman,
Horrocks,
Hubbard,
Iseminger,
Jackson,
Kelly,
Kershaw,
King,
Leech,
Lex,
Lindsay,
Martin,
Mascher,
Mecutchen,
Melloy,
Miller,
Murphy,
McCleary,
McMakin,
McNeal,
Northrop,
Owen,
Parker,
Porter,
Ridgway,
Robb,
Roberts, C. B.,

Messrs. Roberts, T. J.,	Messrs. Vanhorn,
Schofield,	Vogdes,
Slocum,	Welsh,
Stevenson,	Wright,
Patterson, President.	

The Clerk having commenced reading the Journal of the last meeting.

Mr. Schofield

Moved to dispense with the further reading thereof.

Agreed to.

Mr. Iseminger,

Presented a petition from owners of property of the First Ward, asking that water pipe may be laid on Francis street between Fifth and Sixth.

Mr. Robb,

One of like import from owners of property between Fitzwater and Shippen street, in the First Ward.

Mr. Vanhorn,

One of like import from owners of property in Linn street, between Twenty-second and Twenty-fourth streets.

Mr. Melloy,

One of like import from owners of property in the Twentieth Ward, on Thompson street, between Eleventh and Twelfth and Thirteenth and Broad streets.

Mr. Booth,

One of like import from owners of property on Eighth, from Franklin to King streets, on King, from Eighth to Tenth streets, on Ninth, from King to Franklin streets and on Franklin, from Ninth to Tenth streets.

Which were referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Iseminger,

A Bill from William Saffin, keeper of the Debtor's Apartment, asking for salary due for the months of November and December, 1855.

Mr. Craven,

Certain Bills from James B. Smith, for Blank Books, &c., furnished the offices in the State House Row, during the year 1856.

Also,

One from Harry St. J. O'Neill, for indexing Assessor's Book of the Nineteenth Ward, for 1857.

Mr. Wright,

A communication from Alderman Henry, calling attention to his claims, for services due him as Police Magistrate of the Fifteenth Ward.

Mr. Leech,

A Bill from Charles H. Fox, for laying out culverts, measurements &c.

Which were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Iseminger,

A petition from owners of property on Stall street, between Seventh and Eighth street, asking that the same may be curbed and paved.

Mr. Miller,

One of like import from owners of property on Seventh street, between Franklin and Moore street.

Also,

One from John McLone and Jacob Opperman, asking for the passage of an Ordinance awarding them damages and costs consequent upon the opening of Penn street, in the late District of Spring Garden.

Mr. Hubbard,

One from Richard Wistar, asking permission to pave his property at his own expense, and with his own materials.

Mr. Melloy,

One from owners of property on Spruce street, between Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets, asking that the same may be repaved.

Mr. Owen,

One from Citizens of the Twenty-second Ward, asking for the opening of Willow Grove Road to the main street at Chestnut Hill.

Mr. Baird,

One from owners of property on Sansom street, between Sixth and Seventh streets, asking that the same may be repaved.

Mr. McCleary,

One from owners of property on Cherry street, between Tulip and Frankford Road, asking that the same may be paved and water pipes laid therein.

Also,

One from owners of property on Vienna street, between West and Franklin streets, asking that the same may be opened.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Northrop,

Two remonstrances of Freeholders, against the proposed extension of the Pennsylvania Rail Road.

Mr. Owen,

A petition from Citizens, asking that the Philadelphia and Trenton Rail Road may be extended to Willow street.

Which were referred to the Committee on Rail-roads.

Mr. Ford,

One from Citizens doing business on the west side of Broad street, between Arch and Vine streets, asking that gas lamps may be located thereon.

Mr. Schofield,

One of like import from owners of property on Fifth street, between Diamond and Dauphin streets.

Mr. Kershaw,

One of like import from owners of property on Paschall street, between the Lancaster Turnpike and Meeting House Lane, and along Meeting House Lane, between Paschall street and the Blockly Baptist Church, in the Twenty-fourth Ward.

Which were referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Vanhorn,

One from Isaac Bedford, asking that money paid for a culvert deposit, may be refunded.

Referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Mr. Holman,

One from Messrs. Young and Wolverton, asking permission to erect a Counting House on Coates street wharf.

Also,

One from Messrs. Norcross and Sheets, for the same permission on Green street Wharf.

Which were referred to the Committee on Wharves and Landings.

The President

Presented the following :

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :—

Having assumed the duties of an official position declared by Law to be incompatible with the exercise of the

functions of a member of the City Councils. I beg leave respectfully to submit my resignation as a member of your body.

In doing so permit me to return my sincere thanks for the very many acts of kindness, and courtesy received at your hands, and to tender to each and every member, my best wishes for his future health, prosperity and happiness.

Very Respectfully,

April 2d, 1857.

W. S. WINSHIP.

Laid on the table.

Also,

Bills from Robert Clark, for lumber furnished Jefferson Square.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Also,

The following :

To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.

You will please take notice that application has been made to the Board of Port Wardens of the City of Philadelphia, for permission to extend the wharf on the south side of Spruce street, to the present Port Wardens line, in the Delaware River.

RICHARD H. RUSH & A. BLIGHT,
March 28th, 1857. per EDMUND J. YARD, AGENT.

Also,

A communication from Henry Budd, in relation to the terminus of the Pennsylvania Rail Road.

Which were laid on the Table.

Mr. A. J. Baker,

From the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department,¹

Submitted a report with "An Ordinance to transfer portions of certain items of the appropriation to the Board of Managers of the Wills' Hospital." (Appendix No. 236.)

Mr. Baker

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Also,

A report with a Resolution to authorize the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, to draw warrants for the salaries of the Engineer and Assistant Engineer of the Steam Fire Engine, Young America. (Appendix No. 237.)

Mr. Baker

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution being read a second time,

Mr. Mascher

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to re-commit the Resolution.

Agreed to.

Mr. Baird,

Chairman of the Committee on Port Wardens and Public Wharves and Landings,

Submitted a report with a Resolution to make an additional appropriation for repairs of Arch and Almond street wharves. (Appendix No. 238.)

Mr. Baird

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Henry

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill from Select Council, "To re-appropriate the amount authorized to be expended by an Ordinance, to make an appropriation to the Girard College for Orphans approved December 6th, 1856, the same having been drawn within the year, and merged on the First day of January 1857."

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Council proceeded to the consideration of Bill No. 62, Common Council File, "To authorize a loan for the purchase of the Gas Works of the Germantown, Richmond, Kensington, Northern Liberties, Southwark, Moyamensing and Manayunk Gas Companies, and for the use of the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Company."

Mr. Kelly,

Moved to postpone the consideration of the same for the present, and that it may be made the order of the day for Thursday next.

Agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the amendments made by Select Council to the Resolution to authorize the paving of streets ; the re-paving of Lombard street and for other purposes.

Agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Moved that Common Council concur in the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. Hassinger

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the amendments made by Select Council to the Resolution " to authorize the Engineer of the Water Department to invite proposals for Water Pipe, and to purchase materials for Stop Cocks for the year 1857.

Agreed to.

Mr. Hassinger

Moved that Common Council concur in the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the amendments made by Select Council to the Resolution to authorize the Solicitor to enter satisfaction on the official bond of George M. Hill.

Agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved that Common Council concur.

Agreed to.

Mr. Hassinger

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the amendments made by Select Council to the Resolution "to authorize the Chief Engineer of the Water Works, to draw a warrant in favor of Messrs. Colwell and Co., for pipes, &c."

Agreed to.

Mr. Hassinger

Moved that Common Council concur.

Agreed to.

Mr. Baird,

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the amendment made by Select Council, to authorize the cleansing of the dock at the foot of Spruce street, on the River Schuylkill.

Agreed to.

Mr. Baird

Moved that Common Council concur.

Not agreed to.

The President

Presented the following from the Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
April 2d, 1857.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :

The following Ordinances and Joint Resolutions have been approved and signed, viz :

On the 28th ult. An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay certain bills for copying and arranging records and papers, in the office of the Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas.

On the 30th ult. An Ordinance to authorize the construction of a certain culvert or drain, along the east side of Broad street, from a point 200 feet above Race street, to the intersection of Race and Broad street.

On the 30th ult. An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of Controllers of Public Schools, of the First School District of Pennsylvania, for the purpose of defraying the cost of maintaining and managing the Schools in the said District, for the year 1857.

On the 30th ult. An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay Thomas Fletcher.

On the 28th ult. A Resolution to authorize the payment of a claim to Philip Quigley.

On the 30th ult. A Resolution to authorize the paving of certain streets therein mentioned.

On the 30th ult. A Resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Markets to have the dock at the foot of Walnut street cleansed, with a certain proviso.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Laid on the Table.

Also,

The following :

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
April 2d., 1857.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN :

It has been represented to me that the City of Philadelphia owns Stock to the amount of six hundred thousand

dollars in "the Hempfield Railroad Company." Of this sum five hundred thousand dollars was subscribed by the late City of Philadelphia, and one hundred thousand dollars by the late District of Spring Garden. As to the present condition of this Rail Road Co., I have no reliable information. At the present session of the Legislature of Pennsylvania, an act has been passed to consolidate the charter of the "Chartiers Valley Rail Road Co.," and "the Hempfield Rail Road Co.," as one corporation. The act also requires that the Stockholders of each company shall take action on the subject.

From the accompanying circular addressed to the Mayor and Councils of the City of Philadelphia, notice is given as follows :

HEMPFIELD RAIL ROAD COMPANY.

Office Hempfield R. R. Co.

Washington, Pennsylvania, March 28, 1857.

To the Hon., the Mayor and Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.

Notice is hereby given to the Stockholders of the Hempfield Rail Road Company, that a general meeting of said Stockholders will be held at the office of said company in the town of Washington, Pennsylvania, on Tuesday, the 14th day of April, 1857, between the hours of 9, A. M., and 4, P. M., for the purpose of considering and acting upon the articles of agreement made and entered into between the Hempfield Rail Road Company and the Chartiers Valley Rail Road Company, on the 24th March, 1857, for the purpose of consolidating the two companies into one corporation, at which time and place they are respectively invited to attend either in person or by proxy.

COLIN M. REED,

President Hempfield R. R. Co.

So large an interest as the City owns in one of these corporations, should be protected by a prompt and careful examination of the whole subject, in order that at the proposed meeting, this interest may be properly guarded. No

official copy of the act of the Legislature referred to, has been forwarded to this Department. I only speak of its provisions as they appear from the accompanying communication from the Treasurer of the Hempfield Rail Road Co., No one can doubt that this recent legislation in regard to the Hempfield Rail Road Co., will greatly affect the value of the stock, either beneficially or prejudicially. It is for the wisdom of the City Legislature to determine the character of the effect thus to be produced on the city's interests. I therefore earnestly invoke your early attention to this subject, as the meeting called by the circular is fixed for the 14th day of April next, at the Borough of Washington, Washington Co., Pennsylvania.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Philadelphia April 2d, 1857.

HON. RICHARD VAUX, Mayor.

Dear Sir:

An act has been passed by the present Legislature, for the Consolidation of the Chartiers Valley and the Hempfield Rail Road. A meeting of the Board of Directors of the two companies was held, agreeably to appointment and articles of consolidation agreed upon, which are to be submitted to a meeting of the Stockholders of each company, to be held on the 14th inst. The Hempfield Rail Road Company will hold theirs at the Borough of Washington, Washington Co., Pennsylvania, and if ratified, a subsequent meeting of the Consolidated Companies will be held in three weeks, for the election of a consolidated Board of Directors.

It requires a two-third vote to effect the arrangement, and as it is a very important matter for the interests of all who hold stock in the Hempfield Rail Road Co., that the consolidation should be perfected, I trust that the necessary action will be held to represent the large interests the City possesses in this enterprise.

Very Respectfully, Yours &c., in haste.

WILLIAM HART CARR,

Treasurer Hempfield R. R. Co.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to refer the communications with accompanying papers to a Special Committee of five.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to amend by striking out "a Special Committee of five," and inserting "Committee on Finance."

Not agreed to.

The motion of Mr. O'Neill was not agreed to.

Mr. McCleary

Moved to refer the same to the Committee on Rail Roads.

Agreed to.

Also,

The following :

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
March 30th, 1857,

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :—

A Resolution without a Title, but in the following words :

"Resolved, By the Select and Common Council of the City of Philadelphia, that the Department of Surveys be authorized and is hereby directed to obtain, and place on record in the said Department, for public inspection, the depth, proportions, inclination, and condition of all sewers and drains, that may be contracted, within the limits of the City of Philadelphia, and not already on the files of the said Department," has been presented for executive approval, as required by Law.

From the language of this Resolution I am unable to determine, if it authorizes work to be done for which payment is to be made, or for which payment is necessary.

If the services authorized are to be rendered gratuitously, there can be no objection to its becoming a Law.

Should however remuneration be expected, then the Resolution is defective, in this, that it does not appropriate an amount for such services ; and if the fund exists against which the Survey Department can charge the cost of the work, the Resolution is defective in not designating the fund so appropriated ; the provisions of the 21st Section of the Act of the General Assembly, passed 21st April, A. D., 1855, prevents the executive approval of this Resolution, if by its terms the payment for work authorized is intended.

For these reasons I respectfully return it without my approval.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Laid on the Table.

Mr. Crease

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 85, to make an appropriation to the Board of Controllors of Public Schools, for the purpose of re-building or repairing the building heretofore occupied by the Levering School, in the Twenty-first Ward.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Abraham Baker

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to consideration of Bill No. 80, to make an appropriation to the Department of City Commissioners, for the purposes therein mentioned.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Leech,

On leave granted, read in place a Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay certain claims against the City." (Appendix No. 239.)

Mr. Leech

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Bill being read a second time,

Mr. Miller

Moved to refer the same to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Boller

Moved to postpone the consideration of the same and print for use of the members.

Not agreed to.

The motion of Mr. Miller was not agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the First Section,

Mr. Hagner

Moved to amend by inserting an additional item, as follows:

"E. C. Graeff, for amount of order in his favor, by the late District of Richmond, \$ 189.75."

Agreed to.

The First Section as amended was agreed to.

The Second Section was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then] by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Crease

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the second reading and consideration of Bill No. 85, Common Council File, "to make an appropriation to the Board of Controllers of Public Schools, for the purpose of re-building or repairing the building heretofore occupied by the Levering School, in the Twenty-first Ward."

Agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration,

Mr. Abraham Baker

Moved to amend as follows :

The same to be charged to Item for the employment of additional Teachers, in an Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of Controllers of the Public Schools.

Not agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Schofield,

On leave granted, offered the following :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the Commissioner of City Property be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to commence and proceed with the work of improving the Hunting Park and the Norris Square, at the earliest suitable day.

Mr. Schofield

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Leech,

On leave granted, offered the following :

Resolved, That the Department of Surveys be, and they are hereby directed to have completed the survey and curb Regulation in Sections, with duplicate plans of that portion of the late Township of Kingsessing, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, lying northeast of Darby Avenue, and also the unsurveyed portions of the late District of West Philadelphia and the Township of Blockley, adjoining to said late Township of Kingsessing. And that said Department of Surveys be also directed to have the curb regulations established on the First and Second Sections of the Survey of the Township of Blockley.

Referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Mr. A. J. Baker

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 76, Common Council File, "to provide for the care and management of the Steam Fire Engine Young America, and to make an appropriation for the same."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. A. J. Baker and Barber,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Bevan, Boller, Bradford, M. C. Brown, Crease, Craven, Elliott, Ford, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Leech, Lex, Mecutchen, McManus, Owen, Parker, Ridgway, Robb, Slocum, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Wright and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Boyle, Bremer, Benjamin H. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, William Deal, Dutton, Iseminger, Kelly, Lindsay, Mascher, Miller, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, O'Neill, Porter, T. J. Roberts, Stevenson and Welsh.

Yeas 28. Nays 21.

Not agreed to.

Select Council

Informed Common Council that they have passed a Resolution to release certain property of Jesse T. Vogdes, from the lien of a Judgment.

Mr. Owen

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

That they have passed an Ordinance to authorize the removal of certain Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph Poles and to make an appropriation therefor.

Mr. Horrocks

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Have passed a Resolution "relative to the further supplement to the act incorporating the Pennsylvania Rail Road."

Mr. Leech

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the same.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Mascher and B. H. Brown,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, A. J. Baker, Bevan, Booth, Boyle, Bradford, Brownholtz, Butler, William Deal, Dutton, Hubbard, Iseminger, Kelly, Leech, Lindsay, Miller, Mc Neal, Owen, Porter, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Slocum, Vogdes, Welsh and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Barber, Barton, Bol-ler, Bremer, Benjamin H. Brown, M. C. Brown, Brouse, Crease, Craven, Fidler, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Hol-man, Horrocks, King, Lex, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Murphy, McMakin, McManus, Northrop, Parker, Ridgway, C. B. Roberts, Schofield, Stevenson, Vanhorn and Wright.

Yeas 25. Nays 32.

Not agreed to.

Mr. McMakin

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 83, Common Council File, "to provide for the leasing out of Shackamaxon street Public Landing."

Not agreed to.

Council proceeded to the consideration of Bill No. 6, Common Council File, "for the construction of a certain culvert."

Mr. Abraham Baker :

Moved to postpone the same for the present.

Agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution, on page 265, Common Council Journal "to admit the La Fayette Hose Company into the Fire Department."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs Iseminger and Slocum,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Barber, Barton, Bremer, Benjamin H. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Butler, William Deal, Hassinger, Leech, Mascher, Melloy, Miller, Murphy, McMakin, Owen, C. B. Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Schofield, Slocum, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Welsh and Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Abraham Baker, Bevan, Boller, Boyle, M. C. Brown, Craven, Dutton, Hagner, Henry, Iseminger, Kelly, King, Robb and Patterson, President.

Yeas 25. Nays 15.

A quorum of members not having voted,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. B. H. Brown

Moved to proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution, Appendix No. 168, to admit the Kensington Hose Company into the Fire Department.

Not agreed to.

Select Council

Informed Common Council that they have concurred in the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to levy and fix the rate of taxes for the year 1857," with the following amendments :

Amend in the sixth line of the First Section, (Common Council File, No. 81,) by striking out the words "two hundred and ten" and inserting "one hundred and ninety."

Amend in the Second Section, fifteenth line, by striking out "twenty-five" and inserting "twenty-one cents and one half cent," and by striking out seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth lines, as follows :

"For expenses of City Departments other than those heretofore mentioned, and for City Ice Boat, the sum of sixteen and one half cents in the hundred dollars on the said assessed value of the said property."

Strike out all of Section 3, and insert in lieu thereof, the following :

SECTION 3. And that there shall be levied upon all monies at interest as returned by the Assessors at the Assessments made in 1857, a tax of seventy cents on the hundred dollars, for Schools and other purposes.

Make Section 3, read Section 4.

Make Section 4, read Section 5.

Laid on the table.

Mr. McMakin

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the Resolution, Common Council File, No. 84, "relating to the further Supplement to the Act Incorporating the Pennsylvania Rail Road Company."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Mascher and Kelly,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, A. J. Baker, Bevan, Booth, Boyle, Bradford, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Butler, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Harper, Henry, Holman, Hubbard, Iseminger, Kelly, Leech, Lindsay, Martin, Miller, McNeal, Owen, Porter, Robb, Slocum, Vogdes, Welsh and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Barber, Barton, Benjamin H. Brown, Brouse, Craven, Fitler, Hagner, Hassinger, King, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Murphy, Parker, Stevenson and Wright.

Yeas 30. Nays 17.

Agreed to.

The question being on the amendment of Mr. Mascher, (page 436,) to strike out of the fifth line the words "in favor of," and insert the word "against."

Mr. Abraham Baker

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the Resolution and proceed to the consideration of the amendments made by Select Council to the Bill, "to levy and fix the rates of Tax for the year 1857."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Harper and Mascher,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Barber, Barton, Bol-ler, Benjamin H. Brown, Crease, Fitler, Hagner, Hassinger, King, Mecutehen, Melloy, C. B. Roberts and Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, A. J. Baker, Bevan, Booth, Borie, Boyle, Bradford, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Butler, Willam Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Harper, Henry, Hubbard, Iseminger, Kelly, Leech, Lindsay, Martin, Miller, Mc Neal, Owen, Porter, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Slocum, Vogdes, Welsh and Patterson, President.

Yeas 14. Nays 31.

Not agreed to.

Mr. King

Moved to amend the amendment of Mr. Mascher, as follows :

Amend by striking out the word "against," and insert in the fifth line of the Bill after the first word "of," the words "postponing for two months at least the consideration of."

Mr. Iseminger

Called the previous question and was sustained in the call by the following members rising in their places, to wit :

Messrs. Dougherty, Harper, Dutton, William Deal, Kelly, Borie, Alexander, Hubbard, A. J. Baker, Lindsay, Iseminger and Porter.

And on the question, "shall the main question be now put."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Schofield and Stevenson,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, A. J. Baker, Bevan, Booth, Boric, Boyle, Bradford, Brownholtz, Butler, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Harper, Hubbard, Iseminger, Kelly, Leech, Lindsay, Martin, Miller, McNeal, Owen, Porter, T. J. Roberts, Slocum, Vogdes and Welsh.

NAYS—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Barton, M. C. Brown, Brouse, Elliott, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Melloy, Robb and Patterson President.

Yeas 27. Nays 12.

A quorum of members not having voted,

It was not agreed to.

Select Council

Informed Common Council that they insist on their amendment, to the Resolution of Common Council, to authorize the Cleansing of the dock at the foot of Spruce street, in the River Schuylkill.

Also,

That they have passed an Ordinance requiring cap logs to be placed on the wharves, on the river Delaware and Schuylkill.

Also,

That they have concurred in the Bill entitled “An Ordinance to transfer portions of certain Items of appropriation to the Board of Managers of Will’s Hospital.”

Also,

That they have receded from their amendment to the Resolution from Common Council, entitled “Resolutions to authorize the paving of certain streets and the re-paving of Lombard street, and for other purposes.”

Also,

That they have concurred in the Resolution from Com-

mon Council, entitled "Resolution to authorize the re-paving of Gilpin street and Miller street."

Also,

In the Resolution from Common Council, to authorize the Chief Commissioner of Highways to notify the owners of property on Fifteenth, Carlisle, Jefferson, Oxford and Columbia streets, to curb and pave their footways.

Mr. King

Moved to adjourn,

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, April 4th, 1857.

Council met pursuant to the following call:

COL. W. C. PATTERSON,

Dear Sir:—Please call a Special meeting for Saturday, at 3 P. M., to consider the Resolution from Select Council relative to the supplement to the Pennsylvania Rail Road Company.

Respectfully.

ISAAC LEECH, JR.,
CHARLES ISEMINGER,
ANDREW MILLER,
CHARLES HUBBARD,
SAMUEL LINDSAY,
JAMES HARPER,
WILLIAM KELLY,
JOHN PORTER,
SAMUEL P. DUTTON,
THOMAS J. ROBERTS,
JESSE T. VOGDES,
ANDREW J. BAKER.
EDWIN BOOTH,
JOSHUA T. OWEN,
CHARLES McNEAL
JOHN ALEXANDER,
CHARLES M. SLOCUM.

J. D. MILES, Esq.,
Clerk of Common Council,

Will please call a meeting of Common Council in accordance with the within requisition.

W. C. PATTERSON, President.

April 2d, 1857.

The President in the Chair.

The Roll being being called the following members answered to their names, to wit :

Messrs. Alexander,	Messrs. Iscminge,
Baird,	Kelly,
Barber,	Leech,
Bevan,	Lex,
Booth,	Lindsay,
Borie,	Mecutchen,
Boyle,	Melloy,
Bradford,	Monaghan,
Brownholtz,	McMakin,
Dutton,	McManus,
Elliott,	McNeal,
Hagner,	O'Neill,
Harper,	Owen,
Hassinger,	Ridgway,
Holman,	Robb,
Horrocks,	Roberts, Spencer,
Hubbard,	Slocum,
Patterson, President.	

A quorum not being present,

Mr. Slocum

Moved that a recess of ten minutes be taken.

Agreed to.

The time to which the recess was taken having arrived,

The Clerk called the roll.

Members present :

Messrs. Alexander,	Messrs. Borie,
Baird,	Boyle,
Baker, A. J.	Bradford,
Barber,	Brownholtz,
Bevan,	Dutton,
Booth,	Elliott,

Messrs. Hagner,	Messrs. Mccutchen,
Harper	Monaghan,
Hassinger,	McMakin,
Henry,	McManus,
Holman,	McNeal,
Horrocks,	O'Neill,
Hubbard,	Owen,
Iseminger,	Porter,
Kelly,	Ridgway,
Leech,	Robb,
Lex,	Roberts, Spencer
Lindsay,	Slocum,
Patterson, President.	

A quorum of members not being present,

Mr. McMakin

Moved to adjourn.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Leech and Kelly,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Barber, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman, Lex, McMakin, McManus, O'Neill and Ridgway.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Bevan, Booth, Borie, Boyle, Bradford, Brownholtz, Dutton, Elliott, Harper, Henry, Horrocks, Hubbard, Iseminger, Kelly, Leech, Lindsay, Mccutchen, Monaghan, McNeal, Owen, Porter, Robb, Spencer Roberts, Slocum and Patterson, President.

Yeas 9. Nays 28.

A quorum of members not having voted,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Slocum

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 9th, 1857.

Council met.

The President in the Chair.

Members present,

Messrs. Alexander,
Baird,
Baker, A. J.,
Baker, Abraham,
Barber,
Bevan,
Boller,
Booth,
Borie,
Boyle,
Bradford,
Bremer,
Bromley,
Brown, Benjamin H.
Brown, M. C.,
Brownholtz,
Brouse,
Butler,
Catherwood,
Crease,
Craven,
Davis,
Deal, J. F.,
Deal, William,
Dougherty,
Elliott,
Fitler,
Ford,

Messrs. Geiss,
Hagner,
Harper,
Hassinger,
Henry,
Holman,
Horrocks,
Hubbard,
Iseminger
Kelly,
King,
Leech,
Lex,
Lindsay,
Marsh,
Martin,
Mascher,
Mecutchén,
Melloy,
Mickle,
Miller,
Monaghan,
Murphy,
McCleary,
McMakin,
McManus,
McNeal,
Northrop,

Messrs. O'Neill,
Owen,
Parker,
Porter,
Ridgway,
Robb,
Roberts, C. B.,
Roberts, Spencer,
Roberts, T. J.,

Messrs. Schofield,
Slocum,
Snyder,
Stevenson,
Vanhorn,
Vogdes,
Welsh,
Wright,
Patterson, President.

The Clerk having commenced reading the Journal of the last meeting,

Mr. Mascher

Moved to dispense with the further reading thereof.

Agreed to.

Mr. A. J. Baker

Presented the second quarterly report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department. (Appendix No. 240.)

Mr. Welsh

Moved to dispense with the reading thereof, and that five hundred copies be printed for the use of the members.

Not agreed to.

The reading of the report being continued,

Mr. Mascher

Moved to dispense with the further reading of the same.

Agreed to.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Baird

Presented the memorial from Mr. J. Simpson and Neill, shipwrights, remonstrating against the Ordinance for extending wharf lines.

Referred to the Committee on Port Wardens, Wharves and Public Landings.

Mr. Bradford,

A petition from William R. Preston, asking for the repair of an Inlet at the corner of Bank and Chestnut street.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Mascher,

A remonstrance from the owners of property along the route of the new line of Omnibuses, from Kensington to the Exchange.

Mr. B. H. Brown,

A petition from the First Independent Christian Church of Kensington, asking that a gas lamp may be placed in front of said church, on Marlborough above West street.

Which were referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Slocum,

A Bill of John H. Gardiner, for repairs to Court Rooms, &c.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Wright,

A petition from owners of property on Sixteenth street, from Girard Avenue to Thompson street, asking that water pipe may be laid therein.

Referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Leech,

One from owners of property in the Twenty-fourth Ward, asking for a better supply of water, and also that a Fire Alarm Bell may be placed in said Ward.

That portion of said petition relating to water, referred to the Committee on Water Works.

That relating to Fire Bell, referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Vogdes,

A petition from the West Philadelphia Fire Company, asking that a Fire Alarm Telegraph Box may be placed in the neighborhood of the Engine House.

Referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Iseminger,

A petition from Robert Doak of the First Ward, asking to be released from a certin fine incurred for a violation of the Builders Inspection Law.

Referred to the Committee on Law.

Mr. Miller,

One from Thomas Clark, asking an appropriation for payment of an old warrant.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The President

Presented the following communication from the Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
April 9th, 1857.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN :

The following Joint Resolutions and Ordinance have been approved and signed, viz :

On the 4th inst. A Resolution to authorize the paving of certain streets, the repaving of Lombard street and for other purposes.

On the 7th inst. A Resolution authorizing the Chief Commissioner of Highways to notify owners of certain property to curb and pave their footways.

On the 7th inst. A Resolution directing the Solicitor to enter satisfaction on the bonds of George M. Hill.

On the 7th inst. An Ordinance to transfer portions of certain items of appropriation to the Board of Managers of Will's Hospital.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Laid on the Table.

Also,

The following communication from the City Solicitor.

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE,

April 9th, 1857.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—

I deem it my duty to call your attention to the probable sale of one of the public Squares belonging to the city, under the following circumstances. Before the passage of the Act of Consolidation, the District of Southwark had purchased for public use, the lot of ground which is bounded by Third and Fourth streets, and by Washington and Federal streets. It was accordingly surrounded with a suitable iron railing, planted with trees, and devoted to the purposes contemplated in the purchase. In that District, its relative importance is equal to Washington or Franklin Squares, in the heart of the City.

When the purchase was made, the Philadelphia Saving Fund Society held a mortgage on the lot, executed on the 23d of February, 1847, by Colonel Samuel Miller, for ten thousand dollars, but subsequently reduced to four thousand. The ground was subject also to three other mortgages, bearing date January 23, 1854, amounting in the aggregate to seventy-one thousand dollars, and payable in fifteen years from the date thereof.

In February last, the interest on the mortgage held by the Saving Fund Society became due, and on receiving notice from their counsel that proceedings would be commenced to collect both principal and interest unless the interest was forthwith paid, I caused the proper committee

of your body to be notified to that effect. On the the fifth of March last, a further notice was given by the counsel of the Society of their intention to proceed to collect both the principal and interest. After some delay an appropriation was made to pay the interest, but the Society had then begun to press both for principal and interest, in accordance with a provision of their by-laws, which requires the principal to be paid when the interest has for a certain time remained unpaid. Within a few days, a writ of *scire facias*, issued on their mortgage, and returnable on Monday last, the 6th instant, has been served on the Mayor, and I have duly entered an appearance on behalf of the City. In a short time, judgment will be entered by the Court, the property will be exposed to sale by the Sheriff, and doubtless fall into the hands of speculators, who will know how to take better care of it than the City has taken. By this sale, the three mortgages subsequent in date to that of the Saving Fund, will also divested and become payable out of the proceeds of sale, if sufficient, although under other circumstances, they would not become due for twelve years from January last. If the proceeds of the sale should be insufficient to discharge all the mortgages, the City will remain bound for them.

I deem it my duty to place these facts before the Council. This public Square is not only a great ornament to the City, but in respect to the health and comfort of those who reside in the neighborhood, its importance is almost incalculable. While many of our Citizens are making large contributions of money and credit for the purpose of procuring an additional Park in the north western section of the City, it must appear a matter of extreme regret that another of our largest public grounds should thus be passing under the hammer of the Sheriff.

If Councils at their next or some subsequent meeting, should not be able to take action on the subject, it is my intention to address an appeal to the public spirited gentlemen who manage the Saving Fund Society, urging them on considerations of public policy, to discontinue or suspend the proceedings which have thus been commenced, but as they are Trustees merely, and acting for the interest of others, I am not sure that this appeal will produce any

effect. Having done so however, and having from time to time communicated to Councils or their committees, the facts of the case as they have transpired, and solicited their action on the subject, I shall consider the Law Department discharged of all responsibility in the matter of this great public loss, if it should occur.

Very Respectfully,

WILLIAM A. PORTER,

City Solicitor.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Hagner,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

Submitted a statement from the City Commissioners of the assessments, for the year 1857. (Appendix No. 241.)

Laid on the table.

Also,

Submitted a report with an "Ordinance to authorize the sale certain stocks owned by the City of Philadelphia." (Appendix No. 242.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to lay the Ordinance on the table and that it be printed and made the order of the day for Thursday next.

Agreed to,

Also,

A report with a recommendation that Common Council non-concur in the amendments made by Select Council to the "Ordinance to levy and fix the rate of taxes for 1857" see page 463-4, Common Council Journal. (Appendix No. 243.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the said amendments.

Agreed to.

Mr. Hagner

Moved to non-concur in the first amendment.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the same and that the Ordinance be made the order of the day for Thursday next.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to dispense with the Resolution limiting a member to five minutes in debate.

Not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion of Mr. Hagner to non-concur in the first amendment.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Mascher and Holman,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barber, Barton, Bevan, Boller, Booth, Borie, Bradford, Bremer, Bromley, Benjamin H. Brown, M. C. Brown, Butler, Crease, Craven, J. F. Deal, Dougherty, Elliott, Ford, Hagner, Harper, Hassinger, Henry, Hubbard, Isenminger, King, Leech, Lex, Martin, Mecutchen, Mickle, Miller, McCleary, McManus, Northrop, Owen, Ridgway, Robb, C. B. Roberts, Schofield, Stevenson, Vanhorn and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Boyle, Brownholtz, Brouse, William Deal, Fitler, Geiss, Holman, Horrocks, Kelly, Lindsay, Mascher, Melloy, Monaghan, Murphy, McMakin, O'Neill Porter, Spencer Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Slocum, Snyder, Vogdes and Wright.

Yeas 45. Nays 24.

It was agreed to.

The second amendment was non-concurred in.

On the question to non-concur in the third amendment,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. T. J. Roberts and Monaghan,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barber, Barton, Bevan, Boller, Booth, Borie, Bradford, Bremer, Bromley, Benjamin H. Brown, M. C. Brown, Butler, Crease, Craven, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Ford, Hagner, Harper, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Hubbard, Iseminger, Kelly, King, Leech, Lex, Lindsay, Martin, Mecutchen, Mickle, Miller, Monaghan, McMakin, McManus, Northrop, Owen, Porter, Ridgway, Robb, C. B. Roberts, Schofield, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Boyle, Brownholtz, Brouse, Elliott, Mascher, Melloy, Murphy, O'Neill, Spencer Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Slocum, Snyder and Wright.

Yeas 53. Nays 13.

It was agreed to.

The Fourth and Fifth Sections were non-concurred in.

Mr. Hassinger,

Chairman of the Committee on Water Works,

Submitted a report with a Resolution recommending the Finance Committee to report an Ordinance for the refunding to Isaac Barton an amount overpaid by him for water pipe on Tulip street. (Appendix No. 244.)

Mr. Hassinger

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Submitted a report, with a Resolution to authorize the

Chief Engineer of the Water Department to issue proposals for coal. (Appendix No. 245.)

Mr. Hassinger

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Submitted a report and Resolution to authorize the Chief Engineer of the Water Department to draw a warrant in favor of B. F. Day, for Coal. (Appendix No. 246.)

Mr. Hassinger

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. T. J. Roberts,

Chairman of the Committee on City Property,

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the Resolution from Select Council (Common Council Appendix No. 101,) granting the use of a certain portion of Spring Garden Hall to the Wagner Free Institute of Science.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Northrop,

Chairman of the Committee on Surveys,

Submitted a report with "An Ordinance to authorize the construction of a certain Culvert or Drain along Twenty-fourth street from Coates to Pratt streets. (Appendix No. 247.)

Mr. Northrop

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

Also,

Submitted a report with "An Ordinance to authorize the construction of a certain Culvert or Drain on the line of Franklin street, northward from Parrish street, in the Thirteenth Ward. (Appendix No. 248.)

Laid on the table.

Also,

A report with a "Resolution to authorize the Department of Surveys to obtain and place on record the position and size of Culverts." (Appendix No. 249.)

Mr. Northrop

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Select Council

Informed Common Council that they have passed the following, to wit :

Resolved, That the Committee on Railroads be authorized to depute a committee of two, in conjunction with the Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, to attend the meetings of the Stockholders of the Hempfield Railroad Company, to be held in the Borough of Washington, on the 14th of April, instant.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Dougherty,

Chairman of the Committee on Rail Roads,

Submitted a report with a Resolution authorizing the Committee to depute a committee of one from each chamber to attend in conjunction with the Mayor, the meeting of

the Stockholders of the Hempfield Rail Road Company, to be held at the Borough of Washington, Washington County, Peunsylvania, on the 14th of April inst., with power to vote on the question of accepting the supplement to the charter of the said Rail Road. (Appendix No. 250.)

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to amend by striking out "one from each chamber" and insert in lieu thereof "George M. Wharton, President of Select, and Wm. C. Patterson, President of Common Councils."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the Resolution and proceed to the consideration of a similar Resolution on the same subject, from Select Council.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Leech,

On leave granted, offered the following :

RESOLUTION

To release certain property of Jesse T. Vogdes, from the lien of a Judgment hereinafter mentioned.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Council of the City of Philadelphia, that the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized on behalf of the Corporation of the City of Philadelphia, to release from the lien of a Judgment entered on the 12th day of July, 1856, in the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, for the Eastern District, to July term 1856, No. 51, D. S. B., wherein the City of Philadelphia is plaintiff and Thomas McCullough, Jesse T. Vogdes

and Richard Simpson are defendants, the following described property belonging to Jesse T. Vogdes, one of the defendants, viz: a lot of ground situate on the north side of Chestnut street, at the distance of one hundred and forty seven feet eastward from the east side of Twentieth street, in the City of Philadelphia, containing in front on the said Chestnut street, twenty feet, and extending in depth at right angles with said Chestnut street, one hundred and fifty-eight feet, to an eighteen feet wide street; bounded on the west by ground now or late of C. H. and N. H. Mullikin, on the east by ground now or late of Thomas Dugan, deceased, on the north by said eighteen feet wide street, and on the south by Chestnut street: being the same premises which James C. Vogdes and wife, by indenture dated the 1st day of December, A. D., 1855, and recorded in Deed Book, R. D. W., No. 52, page 293, granted and conveyed to the said Jesse T. Vogdes, in fee, provided the other defendants in said Judgment consent thereto.

Mr. Leech

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Hagner,

On leave granted, offered the following:

Resolved, That when this Council adjourns, it will adjourn to meet on Monday next the 13th inst., at 3, P. M.

Mr. Hassinger

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Maseher

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 62, Common Council File, "to authorize a Loan for the purchase of the Gas Works of the Germantown, Richmond, Kensington, Northern Liberties, Southwark and Moyamensing and the Manayunk Gas Companies, and for the use of the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works."

Agreed to.

Mr. Butler

Moved that Council resolve itself into Committee of the whole, for the purpose of making special amendment, as follows :

SECT. 8, line 3, strike out all after the word "Ordinance," to end of line 4, and insert at end of the Section the following :

Provided, That the assent of Councils shall be necessary to authorize the sale of any Real Estate by the said Trustees.

Agreed to.

Mr. Hassinger

Was called to the Chair.

After some time the Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill with the amendment.

The Section as amended was adopted.

Mr. King

Moved that Council resolve itself into Committee of the whole, for the purpose of making special amendment, as follows :

Amend the Second Section in the fourth line by striking out the words "fifteen hundred thousand," and insert "one million."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. King and Bevan,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Abraham Baker, Barber, Bevan, Boller, Booth, Boyle, Bradford, Benjamin H. Brown, Brouse, Craven, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Elliott, Ford, Hagner, Harper, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, King, Lex, Mecutchen, Melloy, Miller, McManus, Parker, Robb, C. B. Roberts, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Wright and Patterson President.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, A. J. Baker, Bremer, Bromley, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Butler, Catherwood, Crease, Geiss, Iseminger, Kelly, Leech, Lindsay, Martin, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, O'Neill, Owen, Porter, Spencer Roberts, Schofield, Slocum, Snyder and Vogdes.

Yeas 34. Nays 27.

Agreed to.

Mr. Hassinger

Was called to the Chair.

After some time the Committee rose and the Chairman reported the Bill, with the amendment.

The Section as amended was agreed to.

The question being upon the final passage of the Bill,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Barber and Mascher,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Bevan, Boller, Boyle, Bradford, Bremer, Bromley, Brownholtz, Brouse, Butler, Catherwood, Crease, Craven, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Ford, Geiss, Hagner, Harper, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Kelly, King, Leech, Lex, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Mickle, Miller, Monaghan,

Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Owen, Porter, Robb, C. B. Roberts, Spencer Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Schofield, Slocum, Snyder, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes and Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Barber, Booth, Elliott, Hassinger, Henry, Marsh and Patterson, President.

Yeas 55. Nays 8.

It was agreed to.

Mr. Lindsay,

On leave granted, offered the following :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Council of the City of Philadelphia, that the Committee on Police be authorized to have a gas lamp placed at the corner of Doak and Shippen street, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets.

Mr. Lindsay

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Barber

Moved to refer the Resolution to the Committee on Police.

Agreed to.

Mr. T. J. Roberts,

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the Department of Surveys be and it is hereby directed to extend the Survey of Chew street, in the late borough of Germantown, from its intersection with Penn street, to the Township line road on Stenton Avenue as per accompanying plan.

Referred to the Committee on Surveys.

Mr. Baird

Moved that Common Council adhere to their non-concurrence in the amendments made by Select Council,

to the Resolution, to authorize the cleansing of the Dock at the foot of Spruce street, on the River Schuykill, and that a Committee of Conference be appointed.

Agreed to.

The President

Appointed Messrs. Baird, McMakin and B. H. Brown, a Committee of Conference on the part of Common Council.

Select Council

Informed Common Council that they have concurred in the amendments made by Common Council to the Bill, to make an appropriation to the Department of City Commissioners, with the following additional amendment, viz:

Strike out in the last Item (John Longstreth,) "fifty dollars" and insert "twenty-five," and add "for payment to John D. Miles, for copying election returns, twenty-five dollars, provided that the said John Longstreth and John D. Miles, shall accept the same as in full of their claim for recording elections."

Mr. Abraham Baker,

Moved to concur.

Agreed to.

Also,

Informed that they have concurred in the Bill from Common Council, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and cleansing the City, to pay certain Road Damages, partly in certificates of City Debt and partly in money," with the following amendments,

Strike out in the First Section (29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34th lines,) the words "to John Draper, eight hundred dollars, the amount assessed for damages sustained by the opening of Sixth street, from Elwood Lane to Rising Sun Lane, in the Twenty-third Ward. The same not being confirmed by the Court.

Strike out in the 3d line "five thousand three" and insert "four thousand five."

Mr. Miller

Moved to concur.

Agreed to.

Also,

That they have concurred in the Resolution authorizing the Commissioner of City property to proceed with the work of improving Hunting Park and Norris Square, with the following amendment :

“Provided, however, that not more than one-third of the amount of the annual appropriations to said Parks shall be expended without the further orders of Council.”

Mr. Schofield

Moved to concur.

Agreed to.

Also,

That they have concurred in the Bill entitled “An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay certain claims against the City.”

Also,

That they have concurred in the Bill entitled “An Ordinance Supplementary to an Ordinance re-organizing the Department of Surveys.”

Also,

That they have passed a Bill entitled “An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay certain claims against the City.”

Also,

That they have passed a Bill, entitled “An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of Controllers of Public Schools, of the First School District of Pennsylvania, to pay expenses incurred in the year 1856.”

Which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Harper

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, April 13th, 1857.

Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the Chair.

Members present,

Messrs. Alexander,

Baird,

Baker, A. J.,

Baker, Abraham,

Barton,

Bevan,

Boller,

Booth,

Bradford,

Brown, M. C.,

Brownholtz,

Brouse,

Deal, William,

Dougherty,

Elliott,

Fitler, $\frac{3}{4}$,

Ford,

Hagner,

Harper,

Hassinger,

Henry,

Holman,

Horrocks,

Messrs. Iseminger

Kelly,

King,

Lex,

Lindsay,

Martin,

Mascher,

Melloy,

Miller,

McManus, $\frac{1}{2}$

McNeal,

Northrop,

O'Neill,

Owen, ..

Porter,

Robb,

Roberts, Spencer

Sorver,

Stevenson,

Vanhorn,

Welsh,

Wright,

Patterson, President.

Mr. Mascher,

On leave granted, presented a petition from owners of property in the Nineteenth Ward, asking that Front street, between Harrison and Montgomery streets, may be paved.

Also,

A communication from the owners of the property on which Tyler street, between Thompson and Master streets, in the Twentieth Ward, is laid out, releasing the same and dedicating said Tyler street to the City of Philadelphia.

Also,

A petition praying for the acceptance, by Council, of the said release and dedication.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Boller

Moved to proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 67, Common Council File, "to make an appropriation to the Department of City Commissioners, for the payment of the claim of Thomas Oliver Goldsmith, late Coroner."

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Stevenson

Offered the following:

Whereas, The taxes of the City of Philadelphia have increased to an alarming extent, for the purpose of paying the expenses of the same, and Real Estate, being the basis whereby taxes are levied and collected, and that species of property being injured thereby, to an extent that will have the effect to lessen its value and the character of said city,

And Whereas, All persons living under and being protected by the same government, should contribute a due proportion of the expenses of the same. And it is a well known fact, that much the largest portion of the wealth of the City of Philadelphia does not in any way contribute as aforesaid.

Therefore Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania are respectfully requested to pass a law authorizing the Councils of said City, to levy and collect a tax for municipal purposes upon all and every kind of property, either Real or Personal contained therein.

Resolved, That the Clerks of Councils transmit a copy of the above, attested by the Presidents of both Councils to each of the Representatives from the City and County of Philadelphia, in the Legislature of this State, and also one to the speaker of the Senate and House of Representatives of the same.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First Resolution being read a second time,

Mr. Henry

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the same, and that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Henry and O'Neill,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Abraham Baker, Boller, Booth, Bradford, William Deal, Fitler, Ford, Hagner, Harper, Hassinger, Henry, King, Lex, McNeal, Robb, Vanhorn, Wright and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Barton, Bevan, Borie, Brownholtz, Brouse, Dougherty, Elliott, Holman, Iseminger, Kelly, Lindsay, Maseher, Melloy, Miller, McMakin, McManus, Northrop, O'Neill, Porter, Spencer Roberts, Sorver, and Stevenson.

Yeas 19. Nays 23.

Not agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the First Resolution,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. King and O'Neill,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Barton, Bevan, Boric, Bradford, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Dougherty, Elliott, Hagner, Holman, Iseminger, Kelly, King, Lindsay, Mascher, Melloy, Miller, McMakin, McManus, Northrop, O'Neill, Porter, Robb, Spencer Roberts, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn and Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Abraham Baker, William Deal, Hassinger, Henry and Patterson, President.

Yeas 30. Nays 6.

A quorum not having voted,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to adjourn.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Abraham Baker and Dougherty,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Dougherty and O'Neill,

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Abraham Baker, Barton, Bevan, Boller, Boric, Bradford, M. C. Brown, Brouse, William Deal, Fitler, Ford, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Kelly, King, Lex, Mascher, Miller, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Northrop, Robb, Spencer Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Wright and Patterson, President,

Yeas 2. Nays 33.

Not agreed to.

Select Council

Informed Common Council that they insist on their amendments to the First and Second Sections of the Bill, "to fix and levy the rate of taxes for the year 1857" and recede from their amendments to the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sections of the same.

Mr. Hagner

Moved that Common Council adhere to their non-concurrence in the amendments made by Select Council to the First and Second Sections of the Bill, and that a Committee of Conference be appointed.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs O'Neill and Harper,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Abraham Baker, Barber, Barton, Bevan, Boller, Booth, Borie, Bradford, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Ford, Hagner, Harper, Hassinger, Henry, King, Lex, Miller, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Northrop, Robb, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, William Deal, Fitler, Holman, Horrocks, Kelly, Lindsay, Mascher, Melloy, O'Neill, Spencer Roberts, T. J. Roberts and Wright.

Yeas 29. Nays 13.

Agreed to.

And Messrs. Hagner, Abraham Baker and Lex, were appointed a Committee of Conference, on behalf of Common Council.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the Resolution, (page 371, Common Council Journal,) "to admit the La Fayette Hose Company into the Fire Department."

Not Agreed to.

Mr. Fitler

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the Resolution from Select Council, returning thanks of Councils to Messrs. Altemus & Company, for a copy of the Bible, to be placed in Independence Hall.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. O'Neill and Harper,

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Abraham Baker, Barber, Barton, Bevan, Booth, Borie, Boyle, Bradford, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, William Deal, Elliott, Fitler, Ford, Hagner, Harper, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Kelly, King, Lex, Lindsay, Mascher, Melloy, Miller, McMakin, McNeal, O'Neill, Porter, Robb, Spencer Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Wright and Patterson, President.

Yeas 43. Nays 0.

Agreed to.

Mr. Miller,

Read in his place and presented to the Chair a Bill entitled "A supplement to an Ordinance organizing the Department for supplying the City with water."

Referred to the Committee on Water Works.

The President

Presented the following communications from the Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA.

April 13th, 1857.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:

The following Ordinance and Joint Resolutions have been approved and signed viz:

On the 10th inst. An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay certain claims against the City.

On the 11th inst. A Resolution relating to the Hunting Park and Norris Square.

On the 11th inst. A Resolution authorizing the Committee on Rail Roads to depute a Committee of one from each chamber, in conjunction with the Mayor to attend the meeting of the Stockholders of the Hempfield Rail Road Company.

On the 11th inst. A Resolution to pay Caldwell and Co., for water pipe furnished and to pay for labor &c., already contracted for.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Laid on the table.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
April 11th, 1857.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN :

A Resolution in the following words :

“Resolved by the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the Chief Engineer of the Water Works be instructed to invite proposals for water pipe and the necessary materials for making stop-cocks and other fixtures for laying water pipe, contemplated in Items 35 and 42, and that he be authorized to lay water pipe in the streets now ordered by Councils, and that no contract shall be made without the approval of Councils,” has been presented for executive approval.

It does not appear from the words of this Resolution, that “Items 35 and 42,” refer to any particular Ordinance. This reference is to vague for the character of legislation, which was sought to be attained by the introduction into all Ordinances of the most elaborate specifications.

By the last paragraph of the Resolution, it does not clearly appear for what work designated in the Resolution itself, the contracts are to be made. It may be construed to refer to the whole subject matter contained in the Resolution, or any part; or it may refer to "Items 35 and 42," which are as here introduced unintelligible. The executive approval would be cheerfully given if I could from the wording of the Resolution, comprehend its object.

For this reason I return it without my approval.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

The question being, "shall the Resolution pass notwithstanding the veto of the Mayor.

Mr. M. C. Brown

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the same for the present.

Agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson,

On leave granted, offered the following.

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Highways be required to have Penn street repaved, in the Fourteenth Ward, from Thirteenth to Broad streets.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Select Council

Informed Common Council that they have appointed on the points of difference between the two chambers on the amendments to the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to levy and fix the rate of taxes for the year 1857."

Messrs. Beideman, Hilles and Williams a Committee.

Mr. Harper

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 90, Common Council File, to authorize the construction of a certain Culvert or Drain, on

the line of Franklin street, northward from Parrish street, in the Thirteenth Ward.

Agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration,

Mr. Harper

Moved to amend as follows: strike out the words "north side of Poplar street," in the 5th line, and insert "to the summit on said Franklin street northwestwardly between Poplar street and Girard Avenue."

Mr. Northrop

Moved to recommit the Bill, with instructions to the Committee on Surveys to consider the expediency of the proposed alterations.

Agreed to.

Mr. Baird

Moved to suspend the order of the day to proceed to the consideration of the Bill from Select Council, "requiring cap logs to be placed on the wharves of the Rivers Delaware and Schuylkill."

Agreed to.

The First, Second and Third Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. T. J. Roberts

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the Resolution, (Select Council, Appendix 61,) authorizing the Commissioner of City property

to grant the use of the upper story of the Spring Garden Hall to the Wagner Free Institute of Science.

Not agreed to.

Mr. McMakin

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill, Common Council File, No. 82, "to provide for the leasing out of the Public Landings, at the end of Nicetown Lane, on the River Schuylkill."

Agreed to.

The First and only Section being under consideration,

Mr. McMakin

Moved to amend the same by adding to the end thereof, as follows, "without cost or expense to the said City."

Agreed to.

The Section as amended was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

Mr. McMakin

Moved to proceed to the third reading and consideration of the same.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved that Council resolve itself into Committee of the whole, for special amendment, as follows:

Strike out "ten" where it first occurs and insert "three."

Agreed to.

Mr. Hassinger was called to the Chair.

After some time the Committee arose and the Chairman reported the Bill with the amendment

The question being on the adoption of the Section as amended.

Mr. Kelly

Moved that the consideration of the Bill be indefinitely postponed.

Agreed to.

Mr. A. J. Baker

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the Ordinance from Select Council entitled "a further supplement to an Ordinance approved January 30th, 1855," entitled "An Ordinance to re-organize the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia."

Agreed to.

The First Section was agreed to.

The Second Section being under consideration.

Mr. Baker

Moved to amend by striking out the words "Joint Committee" and insert "the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department."

Agreed to.

The Section as amended was agreed to.

The Third Section being under consideration,

Mr. A. J. Baker

Moved to strike out "Joint Committee" and insert "the Committee of Trusts and Fire Department."

Agreed to.

The Section as amended was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Hagner,

Chairman of the Committee of Conference,

On the Bill to levy and fix the rate of tax for the year 1857, reported that the Committee could not agree and asked to be discharged, and a new Committee appointed.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Harper and Barber,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barton, Bevan, Bradford, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Dougherty, Fitler, Hagner, Hlassinger, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Kelly, Lex, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Melloy, Miller, McMakin, McNeal, Northrop, Owen, Porter, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Wright and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Barber, Boller, Booth, Elliott, Ford, Harper, King and Robb.

Yeas 35. Nays 8.

Agreed to.

Whereupon,

The President

Appointed Messrs. Robb, King and Owen, a Committee on the part of Common Council.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to adjourn.

Not agreed to.

Mr. A. J. Baker,

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill, Common Council File, No. 76, "to provide for the care and management of the Steam Fire Engine 'Young America,' and to make an appropriation for the same."

Agreed to.

The First Section being read,

Mr. Mascher

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. Booth

Moved to adjourn.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Stevenson,

On leave granted, offered the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Girard Estates inquire into the expediency of improving the ground on the north side of Brown street, between Fifth and Sixth streets, with suitable buildings, and report the same to this Council.

Referred to the Committee on Girard Estates.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the Resolution, page 396 Common Council Journal, to admit the La Fayette Hose Company into the Fire Department.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Henry and Boller,

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. A. J. Baker, Brownholtz, Brouse, Hassinger, Iseminger, Mascher, Melloy and Sorver.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Abraham Baker, Bevan, Bol-ler, M. C. Brown, Henry, Kelly, Lex and Patterson, President.

Yeas 8. Nays 9.

A quorum not having voted,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. A. J. Baker

On leave granted, offered the following :

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department be directed to furnish each Company in the Department with a copy of the supplement to the Ordinance, re-organizing the Fire Department, adopted this day, when the same shall be approved by the Mayor.

Mr. A. J. Baker :

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

Read twice and adopted.

Mr. Harper

Moved a call of the House.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to take a recess for an hour and a half.

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to lay the motion on the table

Agreed to.

Mr. M. C. Brown

Moved to adjourn,

Not agreed to.

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the Bill from Select Council entitled "a supplement to An Ordinance approved January 25th 1855, entitled An Ordinance to provide for the Sinking Fund, for the redemption of the debt of the City of Philadelphia."

Agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration,

Mr. Hagner

Moved to strike out in the 2d line "Receiver of Taxes" and insert "City Solicitor."

Agreed to.

The question recurring on the Section as amended.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Mascher and Harper,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Bevan, Boller, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Dougherty, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Iseminger, Kelly, Lindsay, Melloy, McMakin, McNeal, Porter, Sorver, Vanhorn and Patterson President.

NAYS—Messrs. Harper and Mascher.

Yeas 22. Nays 2.

A quorum of members not having voted.

It was not agreed to.

Select Council

Informed Common Council that they have concurred in the "Resolution, to release certain property of Jesse T. Vogdes, from the lien of a Judgment hereinafter mentioned."

Also

That they have appointed Messrs. Marselis, Mott and Ashton, a Committee of Conference, on the Bill, to fix and levy the rate of tax for 1857.

Mr. Harper

Moved to adjourn,

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 16th, 1857

Council met.

The President in the Chair.

Members present,

Messrs. Alexander,
Baird,
Baker, A. J.
Baker, Abraham,
Barber,
Boller,
Booth,
Borie,
Boyle,
Bradford,
Bremer,
Bromley,
Brown, Benjamin H.
Brown, M. C.,
Brownholtz,
Brouse,
Butler,
Catherwood,
Crease,
Craven,
Deal, J. F.,
Dougherty,
Dutton,
Elliott,
Fitler,
Ford,
Geiss,
Hagner,

Messrs. Hassinger,
Henry,
Holman,
Hubbard,
Iseminger,
Kelly,
King,
Lex,
Lindsay,
Marsh,
Martin,
Mascher,
Mecutchen,
Melloy,
Mickle,
Miller,
Murphy,
McMakin,
McManus,
McNeal,
Northrop,
O'Neill,
Owen,
Parker,
Porter,
Ridgway,
Robb,
Roberts, Spencer,

Messrs. Roberts, T. J.,
Schofield,
Snyder,
Sorver,
Stevenson,

Messrs. Vanhorn,
Vogdes,
Welsh,
Wright,
Patterson, President.

The Clerk commenced reading the Journal of the last meeting,

Mr. McMakin

Moved to dispense with the further reading thereof.

Agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Presented a petition from owners of property in the First Ward, asking that Austin street between Wharton and Reed streets be curbed and paved.

Mr. Hagner,

One of like import from owners of property on Brown street, between Ridge Avenue and Francis streets, in the Fifteenth Ward.

Mr Schofield,

One of like import from owners of property on Adam street, between Columbia Avenue and Cherry street, in the late District of Kensington.

Mr. Melloy,

One of like import from owners of property on Merchant street, between Thompson and Master streets, in the Twentieth Ward.

Mr. Wright,

One of like import from owners of property on Mer-vine street, between Montgomery and Jefferson streets, in the Twentieth Ward.

Also,

One of like import from owners of property on Sixth street, between Susquehanna and Lehigh Avenues, in the Nineteenth Ward.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Miller,

One from Henry Bickley and others, asking for the release of certain property of William Kirk, from the lien of a Judgment against him as surety for John S. Bickley and others.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. A. J. Baker,

One from the Spring Garden Hose Company, asking to be admitted into the Fire Department.

Referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Schofield,

One from owners of property on Hope, between York and Dauphin streets, in the Nineteenth Ward, asking that the same may be surveyed and graded.

Referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Mr. Melloy,

One from owners of property on Oxford between Tenth and Twelfth streets, in the Twentieth Ward, asking that water pipe may be placed therein.

Mr. Mickle,

One of like import from owners of property on Brown, between Hanover and Palmer streets, Eighteenth Ward.

Mr. Wright,

One of like import from owners of property on Nineteenth street, between Coates street and Ridge Avenue, in the Fifteenth Ward.

Which were referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Melloy,

One from occupiers of Stalls in the Girard Avenue Markets and citizens of the Twentieth Ward, asking for the introduction of gas in the said Markets.

Referred to the Committee on Market Houses.

Mr. Mickle,

One from owners of property in the Eighteenth Ward, asking that gas lamps may be placed on Brown, between Hanover and Palmer streets.

Mr. Bromley,

One of like import from citizens of the late Borough of Manayunk, asking that Gas Lamps may be located at positions therein named.

The President

One of like import from citizens of the First Ward, in the vicinity of Doak and Shippen streets, between Fifthteenth and Sixteenth streets.

Which were referred to the Committee on Police.

Also,

A communication from the Controllors of Public Schools, of the First School District, asking for an appropriation for the purpose of re-insuring the Philosophical apparatus and Cabinet at the High School.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

The the following communication from the Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
April 16th, 1857.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :

The following Ordinances and Joint Resolution have been approved and signed, viz :

On the 16th inst. An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers and cleansing the City, to pay certain Road Damages partly in certificates of City Debt, and partly in money.

On the 16th inst. An Ordinance supplementary to An Ordinance re-organizing the Department of Surveys.

On the 16th inst. A Resolution to release certain property of Jesse T. Vogdes, from the lien of a Judgment hereinafter mentioned.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Laid on the Table.

Mr. Hagner,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

Submitted a report with "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay a certain Mortgage on Jefferson Square." (Appendix No 251.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Also,

Reported as committed, the Bill from Select Council, "to make an appropriation to the Controllers of Public Schools, of the First School District, to pay expenses incurred in the year 1856." (Appendix No. 252.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Miller,

Chairman of the Committee on Highways,

Submitted a report, with the Resolution from Select Council, authorizing the owners of property fronting on Franklin, Thompson, Lewis, Stiles and Aspen streets, to pave the same, under the supervision of the Department of Highways, with amendments. (Appendix No. 253.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution as amended was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Submitted a report with "an Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, to pay certain Road Damages in certificates of City Debt." (Appendix No. 254.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First, Second and Third Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. A. J. Baker,

From the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department,

Submitted a report with a Resolution to direct the Superintendent of Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph, to inform Councils of the expense of placing an Alarm Box in the Engineers Office at the Twenty-fourth Ward Water Works. (Appendix No. 255.)

Mr. A. J. Baker

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A report with Resolutions authorizing the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department to draw warrants for the payment of Edward N. Creighton, for salary as Assistant Engineer of Steam Fire Engine Young America, Samuel Ewing as Engineer of the same, and for the expenses of putting in service the Hose of said Engine. (Appendix No. 256.)

Mr. A. J. Baker

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Northrop,

Chairman of the Committee on Surveys and Regulations,
Reported "An Ordinance to authorize the construction of a certain Culvert or Drain on the line of Franklin

street, northwardly from Parrish street, in the Twentieth Ward." (Appendix No. 257.)

Mr. Northrop

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and only Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Also,

Submitted a report with a Resolution to authorize the Department of Surveys to be instructed to prepare a sectional plan of a portion of the Twenty-second Ward, and to fix permanent landmarks. (Appendix No. 258.)

Mr. Northrop

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Sorver,

Chairman of the Committee on Claims,

Submitted a report with a Resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the claims of H. P. Sampson and Hoffman and Morwitz, and recommending their reference to the Committee on Finance, for the purpose of reporting an Ordinance for the payment thereof. (Appendix No. 259.)

Mr. Sorver

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the Preamble and Resolutions offered by him, at the last stated meeting of Council, requesting the Legislature to pass a Law authorizing Councils to levy and collect a tax for municipal purposes, upon all and every kind of property, either real or personal, &c.

Agreed to.

The Resolutions and Preamble were read twice and adopted.

Mr. Owen •

Offered the following :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the Commissioners of Highways be directed to cause an arched stone bridge to be constructed over Creisham Run, near Hill's Factory, in the Twenty second Ward, provided, that the present structure is found to be unworthy of repairs, and the cost of the new Bridge shall not exceed the sum of five hundred dollars.

Mr. Owen

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Council proceeded to the order of the day, to wit: the consideration of Bill No. 88, Common Council File, "to authorize the sale of certain stock, owned by the City of Philadelphia.

Mr. Hagner

Moved to amend the First Section, 4th line, by striking out "the 15th day of June," and inserting in lieu thereof "the 29th day of May," and by striking out in the 11th and 12th lines, "Tuesday the 16th day of June," and inserting "Saturday the 30th day of May."

Agreed to.

Mr. Northrop

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the same, and that it be made the order of the day for Thursday next.

Agreed to.

Mr. Abraham Baker

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 86, Common Council File "To make an appropriation for the support of convicts in the Penitentiary for 1856, and to pay certain claims against the corporation.

Agreed to.

The First Section being under consideration,

Mr. Welsh

Moved to amend by adding to the end thereof as follows:

"To pay Wm. Henwood, for indexing Assessor's Book of the Sixth Ward for 1856, the sum of one hundred and twenty-four dollars and ten cents."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Crease

Moved to amend by adding at the end of the Section, as follows:

"To pay the Manayunk Gas Company, for Gas consumed at the Manayunk Station House, from December,

1854, to July 1st, 1856, one hundred and forty dollars and forty one cents."

Agreed to.

The First Section as amended was agreed to.

The Second Section was agreed to.

Mr. Hagner

Moved to reconsider the vote by which the First Section was adopted.

Agreed to.

Mr. Hagner

Moved to amend the same by striking out "\$ 3675.48," and inserting "\$ 3815.89."

Agreed to.

The Section as amended was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Select Council

Informed Common Council, that they have passed a Resolution to meet in Convention to elect two members of the Board of Health, this afternoon, at five o'clock.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

Mr. O'Neill

Offered the following :

Resolved, Select Council concurring, That a Committee of three from each Chamber be appointed, to draft and re-

port an Act of Assembly, authorizing the Councils of this City to levy and collect a Tax, for Municipal purposes, upon all kinds of property, real, personal or mixed, in the City.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Welsh

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the Resolution, (page 371, Common Council Journal,) "to admit the Moyamensing Hose Company into the Fire Department."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 71, Common Council File, entitled "An Ordinance to repeal an Ordinance approved May 2d, 1856, providing for the care and management of the Steam Fire Engine, Young America."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Kelly

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 32, Common Council File, "to repeal the Second Section of an Ordinance passed 16th of February, 1856, entitled a supplement to an Ordinance approved January 19th, 1856, entitled an Ordinance to licence and regulate Pawnbrokers."

Not agreed to.

Mr. Owen,

On leave granted read in his place and presented to the chair a Bill "to prevent nuisances in the Twenty-second Ward, of the City of Philadelphia." (Appendix No. 260.)

Mr. Owen

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and only Section being under consideration,

Mr. Mascher

Moved to refer the same to the Committee on Law.

Agreed to.

Select Council

Informed Common Council that they have passed a Resolution to notify the owners of property on Franklin and Master streets, to grade, curb and pave their footways.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

That they have passed a Resolution to accept the gift of Sedgley Park Estate, to dedicate the premises to public use in connection with Fairmount Park, and to record in the Journals of Councils the names of the donors.]

Mr. Henry

Moved that Common Council concur.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the same for the purpose of receiving the report of the Committee of Conference on the Bill to levy and fix the rate of Tax for the year 1857.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Mascher and Welsh,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Abraham Baker, Boyle, Bremer, Bromley, Brownholtz, Brouse, Butler, J. F. Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Fitler, Holman, Iscmingar, Kelly,

King, Lindsay, Mascher, Meeutchen, Miller, Murphy, McManus, Owen, Porter, Schofield, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Welsh and Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, A. J. Baker, Boller, Booth, Bradford, Benjamin H. Brown, M. C. Brown, Catherwood, Crease, William Deal, Elliott, Ford, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Lex, Marsh, Melloy, Mickle, McMakin, Northrop, O'Neill, Parker, Robb, Spencer Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Vanhorn and Patterson, President.

Yeas 30. Nays 29.

Agreed to.

Mr. Robb,

Chairman of the Committee of Conference,

On the Bill to levy and fix the rate of tax for the year 1857, submitted a report. (Appendix No. 261.)

The question being on the adoption of the same,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Porter and O'Neill,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Boller, Bradford, Bremer, Brownholtz, Brouse, Butler, J. F. Deal, Dougherty, Ford, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman, Iseminger, Lindsay, Mascher, Meeutchen, Melloy, Miller, Murphy, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Owen, Porter, Robb, Spencer Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Welsh, Wright and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Barber, Booth, Boyle, Benjamin H. Brown, M. C. Brown, William Deal, Dutton, Elliott, Fitler, Henry, Kelly, King, Lex, Marsh, Mickle, Northrop, O'Neill, Parker and Schofield.

Yeas 37. Nays 20.

It was agreed to.

Select Council

Informed Common Council that they have passed a

Resolution, entitled "Resolution appointing a Commission of Inquiry and Investigation, regarding the termini of Rail Roads in the City of Philadelphia."

Also,

A Resolution to instruct the Chief Engineer of the Water Works to invite proposals for water pipe and stop cocks, &c.

Also,

A Resolution authorizing the owners of property on Marvine, Thompson, Mifflin and Jefferson streets, to pave the said streets.

Also,

A Resolution requiring property owners to curb and pave their sidewalks on York street.

Also,

A Resolution authorizing the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department to draw Warrants to pay certain salaries.

Which were laid on the table.

Also,

Have concurred in the Resolution to authorize the Chief Engineer of the Water Department to publish proposals for supplying the Fairmount, Delaware, Schuylkill and Twenty-fourth Ward works with coal.

Also,

Have concurred in the Resolution authorizing the Chief Engineer of the Water Works to draw a Warrant for \$441.75, for coal purchased from B. F. Day, for the West Philadelphia Water Works.

Also,

Have concurred in "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of Controllers of Public Schools, for the purpose of re-building or repairing the building heretofore occupied by the Levering School, in the Twenty-first Ward."

Also,

Have concurred in the Resolution to authorize Commissioner of Markets to repair Arch street wharf and Almond street wharf.

Also,

Have concurred in the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay a certain mortgage on Jefferson Square."

Also,

In the Amendments of Common Council, to the Bill entitled "A further supplement to an Ordinance to reorganize the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia."

Also,

In the Resolution directing the Superintendent of Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph, to inform Councils of the expense of placing an Alarm Box in the 24th Ward Water Works.

Also,

That they have received a report from the Special Committee appointed on the differences between the two chambers, on the Bill of Common Council to levy and fix the rate of taxes for the year 1857, which they have adopted.

Mr Mascher

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 23d, 1857.

Council met.

The President in the Chair.

Members present,

Messrs. Alexander,
Baird,
Baker, A. J.
Baker, Abraham,
Barber,
Barton,
Bevan,
Boller,
Booth,
Borie,
Boyle,
Bradford,
Bremer,
Bromley,
Brown, Benjamin H.
Brown, M. C.,
Brownholtz,
Brouse,
Craven,
Deal, J. F.,
Deal, William,
Dougherty,
Dutton,
Elliott,
Fitler,
Ford,
Geiss,
Hagner,

Messrs. Harper
Hassinger,
Henry,
Holman,
Horrocks,
Hubbard,
Iseminger,
Kelly,
King,
Lex,
Lindsay,
Martin,
Mascher,
Mecutchen,
Melloy,
Miller,
McMakin,
McNeal,
Northrop,
O'Neill,
Owen,
Parker,
Porter,
Recktenwald,
Ridgway,
Robb,
Roberts, C. B.,
Roberts, T. J.,

Messrs. Schofield,	Messrs. Vanhorn,
Snyder,	Vogdes,
Sorver,	Welsh,
Stevenson,	Wright,
Patterson, President.	

The Clerk having commenced reading the minutes of the last meeting,

Mr. Mascher

Moved to dispense with the further reading thereof.

Agreed to.

Mr. Lindsay

Presented a petition from Citizens of the First Ward, asking that a Gas Lamp may be placed at the south west corner of Bedford and Fifteenth streets.

Mr. Alexander,

One of like import from citizens residing on Johnsons Lane, from Third to Fourth streets.

Which were referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Miller,

One from owners of property in the Twenty-fourth Ward, asking that Market street may be paved from Till street westward to the West Chester Plank Road.

Mr. Booth,

One from John Scott, asking that a certain street in the Fourteenth Ward may be named.

Mr. C. B. Roberts,

One from owners of property in the Eighteenth Ward, asking that Dean street from Franklin Avenue to Duke street may be opened and graded.

Mr. Holman,

One from owners of property in the Nineteenth Ward, asking that Price street between Frankford Road and Amber street may be curbed and paved.

Mr. Vogdes,

One from Sarah Freas, asking to be released from a certain lien.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. A. J. Baker,

One from the Philadelphia Hose Company, asking that a Fire Alarm Telegraph may be placed in the Hose House.

Referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Lex,

One from owners of property in the Tenth Ward, asking that water pipe may be laid on Cherry street, between Twenty-first and Twenty-second streets.

Mr. William Deal,

One of like import from owners of property on Sixteenth street, between Girard Avenue and Stiles street.

Mr. Vanhorn,

One of like import from owners of property on Spring Garden street, between Twenty-third and Twenty-fifth streets.

Which were referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Mr. Craven

Presented the quarterly Bills of Joseph Delavau, Coroner.

Mr. Hagner,

A Bill from George W. Chambers, M. D., for salary as Vaccine Physician.

Which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. O'Neill,

A Bill from R. S. Garrison, for services rendered to the City Commissioners.

Mr. C. B. Roberts,

Bills from Dr. Wadsworth, for professional attendance on Police officers and prisoners.

Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Hassinger,

A petition from residents of Bridesburg, Twenty-third Ward, asking for the introduction of Gas.

Referred to the Committee on Gas Works.

The President

Presented the following communication from the Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
April 23d, 1857.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:

The following Ordinance and Joint Resolutions have have this day been approved and signed, viz:

An Ordinance to levy and fix the rate of Taxes for the year 1857.

A Resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Markets to expend a further sum therein named, on repairs to Arch and Almond street Wharves.

A Resolution authorizing the Chief Engineer of the Water Department to publish for proposals for supplying the Fairmount, Delaware, Schuylkill, and Twenty-fourth Ward Works with Coal, for the year 1857.

A Resolution authorizing the Chief Engineer of the Water Department to draw a warrant for \$441.75, in favor of B. F. Day.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Laid on the table.

Also,

The following from the City Commissioners :

CITY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE.

April 23, 1857.

To the Common Council of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :

We have received through Clerks of Councils a certified copy of An Ordinance entitled an Ordinance to levy and fix the rate of tax for the year, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, in which we are required forthwith to levy on the Real Estate, Furniture, Horses, Cows and Carriages, returned by the Assessors at the assesment made in the year 1856.

In the aforesaid Ordinance there is no authority for us to levy a personal tax, and we respectfully request that you will inform us at your session held this day, if it be the intention of Councils to levy said tax, so that we may proceed and prepare the books for the collection of taxes.

Respectfully Yours,

A. MUCH,
JAMES LEDDY, } City Commissioners.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

The following:

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,

April 23, 1857.

To the Common Council of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :—

In accordance with an Ordinance passed April 11th,

1857, to meet the deficiencies of 1856, an appropriation was made of one hundred dollars to pay Road Jurors, and Grand Jurors eight hundred and eighty dollars. The item of one hundred dollars for Road Jurors being insufficient, and the item of eight hundred and eighty dollars for Grand Jurors being too large, we respectfully request that a transfer be made of three hundred dollars from the item of Grand Jurors, and placed to the item of Road Jurors, in order that the demands for Road Jurors may be promptly met.

Respectfully Yours,

A. MUCH,
JAMES LEDDY, } City Commissioners.

Also,

The following:

To the Select and Common Council of Philadelphia

GENTLEMEN :—

I am directed by the Committee on the Central High School of the Board of Controllers, to call your attention to certain repairs wanted to that Building. The sinking of a partition wall has rendered the condition of the Building dangerous to the Pupils, and unless the matter receives immediate attention the consequences may be of a serious nature.

In the opinion of one or two Mechanics, the repairs will cost about twelve hundred dollars. There is in the appropriations for the present year five hundred dollars appropriated for this purpose, so that seven hundred dollars will be needed in addition to that already appropriated.

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant,

WILLIAM J. REED,

Chairman of the Committee on Central High School.

April 23, 1857.

Which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE AND
FIRE ALARM TELEGRAPH,

Philadelphia, April 23, 1857.

To the Honorable, the members of Select and Common Councils.

GENTLEMEN :

In compliance with the Resolution passed by the Select and Common Councils, April 18th, 1857. "That the Superintendent of the Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph, be directed to inform Councils of the expense of placing an Alarm Box in the Engineer's Office, at the Twenty-fourth Ward Water Works,"

I would respectfully submit the following :

I have examined the routes and made as careful an estimate as possible, taking the following route as a basis for my calculations, which I would recommend as being the most desirable on account of being more free from trees, and about the same expense as the others, viz : From the Twenty-fourth Ward Police Station, west through Market street to Thirty-seventh, up Thirty-seventh to Ashland street, east through Ashland to Thirty-sixth street, and thence to the Water Works.

An instrument like that now used on the Police Telegraph lines will be required.

The whole cost would not exceed six hundred and fifty dollars, (\$ 650,) and if the weather should prove favorable it might be reduced to nearly six hundred dollars.

I remain Very Respectfully,

Your Ob. Servt.

W. J. PHILIPS,

Superintendent.

Also,

A communication from Arthur Birmham and Gibson, agents for the Steam Fire Engine "Fire Fly," asking that an appropriation be made therefor.

Which were referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Also,

An invitation from the agents of the Steam Fire Engine Fire Fly, to witness a trial of the same.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Hagner

Presented the following :

The undersigned, having voted on the 16th inst., in favor of adopting the report of the Committee of Conference, recommending a tax at the rate of \$2, for the year 1857, enters on the Journal his reasons for so voting.

Convinced that nothing short of a tax at the rate of \$ 2.10, would be sufficient to cover the deficit on the 1st of January, 1857—the appropriations and expenses of the current year—relieve the Treasury from embarrassment and the City from the disgrace and dishonor it has long labored under, nevertheless, the undersigned voted in favor of adopting the report of the Committee, fixing the rate at \$2, for the following reasons :

FIRST.—It was evident, from the failure of two different Committees of Conference, that all further efforts on the part of Common Council to obtain a sufficient rate of tax to accomplish the objects above stated, would be useless and determinately resisted by a majority of Select Council.

SECOND.—That delay in fixing the rate of tax for the year, was working injustice to those Citizens anxious to pay their taxes and receive the benefit of the discount allowed by Law, for prompt payment.

THIRD.—The certainty, that further delay would cause the Treasury to become exhausted, thereby working injustice to the creditors of the City and rendering doubtful its ability, for the want of sufficient timely receipts, to meet the interest on the funded debt falling due on the first of July next.

CHARLES V. HAGNER.

April 23, 1857.

Mr. Hassinger

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the Veto by the Mayor, of the Resolution to instruct the Chief Engineer of the Water Works, to invite proposals for water pipe, stop cocks, &c.

Agreed to.

On the question,

“Shall this Bill pass, notwithstanding the objections of the Mayor?”

The Yeas and Nays were ordered by the President,

And were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Boyle, Brouse, William Deal, Geiss, Hubbard, Iseminger, Lindsay and Melloy.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barber, Barton, Bevan, Boller, Borie, Bradford, Bremer, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Craven, J. F. Deal, Dutton, Ford, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Kelly, Lex, Mascher, Mecutchen, Miller, McMakin, Northrop, O'Neill, Owen, C. B. Roberts, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Welsh and Patterson, President.

Yeas 9. Nays 37.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Hassinger

Moved to proceed to the consideration of the Resolution from Select Council “to instruct the Chief Engineer of the Water Works to invite proposals for Water pipe, stop cocks, &c.

Agreed to.

The Resolution being read a second time,

Mr. Miller

Moved to amend by striking out the last two lines the words “and that he be authorized to lay water pipes in the streets now ordered by Councils.”

Not agreed to.

Mr. Barber

Moved to amend as follows, to come in after "1857," viz: "and that said proposals be submitted to Councils, who shall award the contract to the lowest and best bidder."

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Barber and Ridgway,

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Abraham Baker, Barber, Barton, Bevan, Boller, Booth, Borie, Bremer, Bromley, Benjamin H. Brown, M. C. Brown, Craven, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Elliott, Fitler, Ford, Geiss, Hagner, Harper, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Hubbard, King, Meeutchen, Melloy, Miller, Northrop, Parker, Recktenwald, Ridgway, C. B. Roberts, Snyder, Stevenson, Vanhorn. Vogdes and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Boyle, Bradford, Brownholtz, Iseminger, Kelly, Lindsay, Mascher, Porter, T. J. Roberts, Schofield, Welsh and Wright.

Yeas 42. Nays 13.

Agreed to.

The Resolution as amended was agreed to.

Mr. ONeill

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution tendering the use of the 3d story of the Spring Garden Hall to the Free Wagner Institute.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Hagner,

On leave granted, read a Bill in place and presented to the Chair a Bill "supplementary to an Ordinance, to levy and fix the rates of Taxes, for the year 1857." (Appendix No. 262.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and only Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. Hagner,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

Submitted a report, with "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay certain claims against the City." (Appendix No. 263.)

Mr. Mascher

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First Section was agreed to.

The Second Section being under consideration,

Mr. Abraham Baker

Moved to strike out "Item 7."

Not agreed to.

The Second Section was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Resolution reported by the Joint Committee on City property, authorizing the purchase of Sedgley Park. (Appendix No. 264.)

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Miller and Stevenson,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barton, Bevan, Boller, Booth, Borie, Bradford, Bremer, Bromley, Benjamin H. Brown, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Craven, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Elliott, Ford, Hagner, Harper, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Hubbard, Kelly, Lindsay, Martin, Mecutchen, Melloy, Mc Neal, Northrop, O'Neill, Porter, Recktenwald, Ridgway, Robb, C. B. Roberts, Vanhorn, Wright and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Boyle, Dutton, Fitler, Geiss, Isenminger, King, Mascher, Miller, McMakin, Owen, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson and Vogdes.

Yeas 42. Nays 15.

It was agreed to.

The Resolution being under consideration,

Mr. Miller

Moved to amend as follows, to come in after the word "Grand" at the end of the first division of the Resolution.

Provided, that the City shall not incur any debt or obligation by the acceptance of the said tract of land, nor shall any expense be incurred in adorning the same, until it is made clear of debt or incumbrance by the donors thereof.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Miller and Welsh,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Miller, McMakin, Schofield and Stevenson.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barton, Bevan, Boller, Booth, Borie, Boyle, Bremer, Benjamin H. Brown, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Butler, Craven, William Deal, Dutton, Elliott, Ford, Hagner, Harper, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Hubbard, Kelly, King, Lex, Marsh, Mecutchen, Melloy, McManus, McNeal, Northrop, O'Neill, Porter, Ridgway, Robb, C. B. Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Wright and Patterson, President.

Yeas 4. Nays 45.

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Millér

Moved to amend as follows, to come in at the end of the First Division of the Resolution :—

That the said acceptance shall not be consummated until the whole amount of the subscriptions for the purchase of the same are paid.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Mascher and Miller,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Brouse, J. F. Deal, Dutton, Elliott, Holman, Iseminger, Mecutchen, Miller, McMakin, C. B. Roberts, Schofield, Sorver, Stevenson and Welsh.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Abraham Baker, Barton, Bevan, Booth, Borie, Boyle, Bremer, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Butler, Craven, William Deal, Hagner, Harper, Hassinger, Henry, Hubbard, Kelly, King, Lex, Marsh, Melloy, McManus, McNeal, Northrop, O'Neill, Porter, Ridgway, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Wright and Patterson, President.

Yeas 15. Nays 35.

Not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the Resolution,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Henry and Ford,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barber, Barton, Bevan, Boller, Booth, Borie, Bremer, Benjamin H. Brown, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Butler, Craven, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Elliott, Ford, Hagner, Harper, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Hubbard, Kelly, King, Lex, Marsh, Mecutchen, Melloy, McManus, McNeal, Northrop, O'Neill, Parker, Porter, Ridgway, Robb, C. B. Roberts, T. J. Roberts, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Wright and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Boyle, Brouse, Dutton, Isenminger, Mascher, Miller, McMakin, Owen, Schofield, Sorver, Stevenson and Welsh,

Yeas 46. Nays 13.

It was agreed to.

Select Council

Informed Common Council that they have passed a Resolution appointing a commission of enquiry and investigation, regarding the termini of Rail Roads in the City of Philadelphia.

Mr. Owen

Moved to proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution being read a second time,

Mr. King

Moved to indefinitely postpone the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. Northrop,

Chairman of the Committee on Surveys,

Submitted a report with a Resolution, adverse to the application of Isaac Bedford, asking that the amount paid

by him for building a Culvert be refunded. (Appendix No. 265.)

Mr. Northrop

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A report and Resolution "to arrange the grades on City Avenue." (Appendix No. 266.)

Mr. Northrop

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A report and Resolution, "to provide for the prosecution of the Survey and Regulations, in the Twenty-fourth Ward. (Appendix No. 267.)

Mr. Northrop

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

A report and Ordinance, to provide for the construction of a new Bridge over the Reading Rail Road. (Appendix No. 268.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. Hagner

Offered the following :

Resolved, That when this Council adjourn it adjourn to meet on Tuesday next, the 28th inst, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

Mr. Abraham Baker

Moved to strike out "Tuesday the 28th," and insert "Wednesday the the 29th."

Agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the Resolution,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Harper and Parker,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Boyle, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Dutton, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Horrocks, King, Miller, McManus, Northrop, Owen, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Vanhorn and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Harper and Parker.

Yeas 19. Nays 2.

A quorum not having voted,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Northrop

Offered the following :

Resolution to prepare the plan and grades of a section of the Twenty-fourth Ward.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the Department of Surveys be

authorized and directed to prepare a sectional plan of that portion of the Twenty-fourth Ward, included between Susquehanna and City Avenues, and 42d and 51st streets—that proper land marks be permanently fixed thereon, and that the grade regulations be established to conform as nearly as practicable to the natural surface—the expense thereof to be charged to item No. 29, of the Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Surveys for the year 1857.

Referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Select Council

Informed Common Council, that they have concurred in the Resolution to authorize the Department of Surveys to prepare a sectional plan of Twenty-second Ward, with the following amendments.

By giving the Resolution the Title, “Resolution to authorize the preparation of Sectional Plans &c., of part of Twenty-second Ward,” and add to the Resolution “that the cost thereof shall be payable out of item No. 29, of an Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Surveys for the year 1857.”

Mr. Owen

Moved to concur.

Agreed to.

Also,

That they have concurred in the Bill, entitled an Ordinance to authorize a loan for the purchase of the Gas Works of the Germantown Gas Company, the Richmond Gas Company, the Kensington Gas Company, the Northern Liberties Gas Company, the Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Company, the Manayunk Gas Company, and for the use of the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works.

Also,

That they have concurred in the Bill, entitled “a Supplement to an Ordinance to levy and fix the rate of Taxes, for the year 1857.”

Also,

That they have concurred in the Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of City Commissioners, for the payment of the claim of Thomas Oliver Goldsmith.

Also,

That they have concurred in the Bill, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the cleansing of the Docks on the Delaware and Schuylkill fronts of the City of Philadelphia."

Also,

That they have concurred in the Resolution "To authorize the Department of Surveys to obtain and place on record the position and size of Culverts."

Also,

That they have concurred in the amendment of Common Council to the Resolution of Select Council, to instruct the Chief Engineer of the Water Works to invite proposals for water pipe and stop cocks.

Also,

That they have concurred in the amendment of Common Council, to the Resolution of Select Council, to pave Franklin, Thompson, Lewis, Stiles and Aspen streets.

Also,

Informed that they have passed the following Resolutions, viz :

To authorize the Chief Commissioner of Highways to grade Chelton Avenue and Manheim street.

Requiring property owners to curb their sidewalks on York street.

Authorizing property owners on Adams, Sixth and Oxford streets, to pave said streets.

Authorizing the owners of property on Marvine, Thompson, Mifflin and Jefferson streets, to pave said streets.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

That they have passed the following Resolutions :

Authorizing the Chief Engineer and Surveyor to draw a warrant in favor of E. J. Duff.

Also,

Requesting members of Senate and House of Representatives for City of Philadelphia, to vote for the passage of a law to repeal a portion of the 11th section of the further Supplement of the Act Incorporating the City of Philadelphia.

Also,

An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the purposes therein mentioned.

Which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also,

A Resolution authorizing the Chief Engineer of the Water Department to draw a warrant for \$ 650, to pay an assistant in making pipe plans for the City.

Referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Also,

A Resolution authorizing the Chief Engineer to draw warrants and pay certain salaries.

Referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Also,

A Resolution authorizing the Chief Commissioner of Highways to receive proposals for the construction of a certain Culvert.

Referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Also,

A Resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Market Houses to invite proposals for the construction of Counting Houses at Coates and Green street Wharves.

Referred to the Committee on Market Houses.

Mr. Stevenson

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 29th, 1857.

Council met pursuant to the following call :

To WILLIAM C. PATTERSON, Esq.,
President of Common Council.

Please call a Special Meeting on Wednesday next, at 3 o'clock, in the afternoon, to consider Bill No. 88, Common Council File, and other business.

ABRAHAM BAKER,
THOS. CRAVEN,
GEORGE NORTHROP,
LEWIS BREMER,
CHARLES V. HAGNER
CHARLES VANHORN,
SAMUEL ROBB,
WILLIAM M. BAIRD,
JOHN McMAKIN,
CHARLES E. LEX,
HENRY J. BOLLER,
ALEXANDER HENRY,
HENRY T. KING.

Philadelphia April 23d, 1857.

JOHN D. MILES, Esq.,
Clerk of Common Council,

Will please call a special meeting of Common Council, on Wednesday next, 29th inst., at 3 o'clock P. M., in accordance with the terms of the above requisition.

W. C. PATTERSON,
President.

The President in the Chair.

Members present,

Messrs. Alexander,
Baird,
Baker, A. J.,
Baker, Abraham,
Barber,
Bevan,
Boller,
Booth,
Boyle,
Bromley,
Brown, Benjamin H.
Brown, M. C.,
Catherwood,
Deal, J. F.
Deal, William,
Dutton,
Elliott,
Fitler,
Ford,
Geiss,
Hagner,
Harper,
Hassinger,
Henry,

Messrs. Holman,
Hubbard,
Iseminger
Kelly,
King,
Lex,
Martin,
Mascher,
Melloy,
Miller,
McMakin,
McManus,
McNeal,
Northrop,
O'Neill,
Owen,
Parker,
Porter,
Ridgway,
Robb,
Roberts, T. J.
Stevenson,
Vanhorn,
Patterson, President.

The First Section of the Bill "to authorize the sale of certain stock owned by the City of Philadelphia," being under consideration.

Mr. Northrop

Moved that Council resolve itself into the Committee of the whole for consideration of the Bill.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Harper and Parker,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, A. J. Baker, Barber, Bevan, Boller, Benjamin H. Brown, Dutton, Elliott, Hagner,

Hassinger, Henry, Iseminger, King, Miller, McManus, Northrop, Porter, Robb, Stevenson, Vanhorn and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Booth, Boyle, Bromley, M. C. Brown, Catherwood, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Fitler, Geiss, Harper, Holman, Hubbard, Kelly, Lex, Martin, Mascher, Melloy, McMakin, McNeal, O'Neill, Owen, Parker, Ridgway and T. J. Roberts.

Yeas 21. Nays 25.

Not agreed to

Mr. William Deal

Moved that the further consideration of the Bill be indefinitely postponed.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Holman and Ridgway,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, Booth, Bromley, Benjamin H. Brown, Catherwood, William Deal, Ford, Harper, Holman, Hubbard, Iseminger, Kelly, Martin, Mascher, Melloy, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, O'Neill, Parker, Ridgway, Robb, T. J. Roberts and Stevenson.

NAYS—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Bevan, Boller, J. F. Deal, Dutton, Elliott, Fitler, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, King, Lex, Northrop, Owen, Porter, Vanhorn and Patterson, President.

Yeas 25. Nays 17.

Agreed to.

Mr. Parker

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 30th, 1857.

Council met.

The President in the Chair.

Members present,

Messrs. Alexander,

Baird,

Baker, A. J.

Baker, Abraham,

Barber,

Barton,

Bevan,

Boller,

Booth,

Boric,

Boyle,

Bradford,

Bremer,

Bromley,

Brown, Benjamin H.

Brown, M. C.,

Brownholtz,

Brouse,

Butler,

Catherwood,

Craven,

Davis,

Deal, J. F.,

Deal, William,

Dougherty,

Dutton,

Fitler,

Ford,

Messrs. Hagner,

Hassinger,

Henry,

Holman,

Horrocks,

Hubbard,

Kelly,

King,

Lex,

Lindsay,

Marsh,

Martin,

Mascher,

Melloy,

Miller,

McCleary,

McMakin,

McManus,

McNeal,

Northrop,

O'Neill,

Owen,

Parker,

Porter,

Recktenwald,

Robb,

Roberts, T. J.,

Schofield,

Messrs. Sorver, Messrs. Vogdes,
 Stevenson, Welsh,
 Vanhorn, Wright,
 Patterson, President.

The Clerk having commenced reading the Journal,

Mr. McMakin

Moved that the further reading thereof be dispensed with.

Agreed to.

Mr. McMakin

Presented a petition from citizens of the Sixth Ward, asking that a Gas Lamp may be placed in Front street, between Race and Vine streets.

Referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Wright,

One from owners of property on Vinyard street, between Nineteenth street and Ridge Avenue, asking that the same may be paved.

Mr. Owen,

One from owners of property on Chew street, in the Twenty-second Ward, asking for an appropriation to complete the grading of the same.

Mr. McCleary,

One from owners of property on Howard street, between Susquehanna Avenue and Cumberland street, in the Nineteenth Ward, asking that the same may be curbed and paved.

Also,

On leave granted, offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, by the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the property holders on Howard street from Susquehanna Avenue to Cumberland street, be

notified to grade, curb and pave their footways, in sixty days from date.

Which were referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. Boric,

One from owners of property in the western portion of the lower Wards of the City, asking that the Moyamensing Hose Company may be admitted into the Fire Department.

Referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Mr. Horrocks,

One from owners of property in the late Borough of Bridesburg, in the Twenty-third Ward, asking for a supply of Gas.

Referred to the Committee on Gas Works.

Mr. Wright,

On leave granted, offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, By Select and Common Council, that the Commissioners of Highways be authorized to grade Cambridge street, from Seventeenth street to Ridge Avenue, provided it shall not cost over fifty dollars.

Mr. Wright

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

The President

Presented the following communication from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER
OF THE PHILADELPHIA FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Honorable the Members of the
Select and Common Councils.

GENTLEMEN :

Agreeably to the First Section of the "Supplement," passed April 23d, 1857, I beg leave to report the Humane Hose Company, for disobeying orders in not placing water in an Engine, when ordered so to do by an Engineer, at the fire, at Twenty-second and Market, on the morning of the 28th inst.

Yours very Respectfully,

S. P. FEARON,

Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

April 30, 1857.

Referred to the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Also, the following from the Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
April 30th, 1857.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :

The following Ordinances and Joint Resolutions have been approved and signed, viz :

On the 25th inst., An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay a certain mortgage on Jefferson Square.

On the 25th inst., An Ordinance to provide for the cleansing of the Docks on the Delaware and Schuylkill fronts of the City of Philadelphia.

On the 25th inst., A supplement to an Ordinance to levy and fix the rate of Tax, for the year 1857.

On the 25th inst., An Ordinance to make an appro-

priation to the Department of City Commissioners, for the payment of a claim of T. O. Goldsmith, late Coroner.

On the 25th inst., A Resolution [to authorize the Department of Surveys to obtain position and size of Culverts.

On the 28th inst., A Resolution to authorize the preparation of sectional plans, &c., of part of Twenty-second Ward.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Also,

A communication from the Mayor, relative to the "Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of Controllers of Public Schools, for the purpose of re-building or repairing the building heretofore occupied by the Levering School, in the Twenty-first Ward." (Appendix No. 269.)

Also,

A communication from the Mayor, transmitting the report of the persons authorized by the Joint Resolution of Councils, to vote at the meeting of the Stockholders of the Hempfield Rail Road Company, on the question of consolidating said company with the Chartiers Valley Rail Road Company. (Appendix No. 270.)

Which were laid on the table.

Mr. Hagner

Presented the following communication from the Board of Health.

To the President and members of Common Council.

GENTLEMEN :

The Board of Health, after a favorable correspondence with similar bodies in Boston, New York, Baltimore and New Orleans, having called a Convention for Quarantine purposes, to convene in this City, on the 13th of May ensuing, and composed of Delegates from the Boards of

Health, Boards of Grade, and two Medical Societies in the several Maritime Cities in the United States, would respectfully ask the favorable consideration and approval of Councils, in the proposed measure as set forth in the accompanying circular.

It will be perceived that this is a grave subject. It involves interests of incalculable magnitude to our half million of population. While it aims to protect our commerce by recommending the adoption of improved, and as far as practicable, uniform Quarantine Laws that would be free from the useless and onerous restrictions engrafted upon them; at the same time, it contemplates some wisely directed system, embracing as few restraints as are consistent with sanitary regulations, without impairing their efficiency.

A cheerful and ready response has been given to the circular, and already the names of more than fifty Delegates have been received. These names embrace men highly distinguished at home, and many of them well known abroad, affording presumptive evidence that this Convention will be composed of gentlemen eminently qualified to legislate upon the important questions that will be submitted for their consideration.

With these facts before them, the Board of Health esteem it becoming, in the government of a great City like ours, to evince not only a suitable regard for the object contemplated in the call of the Convention, but to offer in some form an expression of their good feeling for those who shall represent the Corporations of other Cities. This Convention will necessarily involve the Board of Health in more or less expense, for which there has been no appropriation made; but inasmuch, as the object is one in which the entire community is most deeply interested, both in a sanitary and commercial relation, and inasmuch, as it will be incumbent on the Board of Health as a branch of the City government, to extend to the Delegates that courtesy and hospitality, which is due from the Representatives of one City to those of another, when official visits are being made, and to reciprocate the friendly feelings extended to us through our Representatives on former occasions, therefore

Resolved, That Councils be requested to appropriate to the use of the Board of Health, the sum of five hundred dollars, to defray the expenses of the Quarantine Convention, to be held in this City, on the 13th day of May next ensuing.

Resolved, That the Clerk enclose a copy of the above Preamble and Resolution to each branch of City Councils.

R. H. GORBUTT, Clerk.

April 30, 1857.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. McManus

Offered the following :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Council, that the Chief Commissioner of Highways be authorized to have West street graded, from Somerset street to William, provided, that it shall not cost more than fifty dollars.

Mr. McManus

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

Mr. Abraham Baker

Called for the order of the day.

Mr. McManus

Moved to suspend the order of the day.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Hagner,

Chairman of the Committee on Finance,

Reported as committed, the Resolution from Select Council, to authorize the Chief Engineer and Surveyor to draw a warrant in favor of E. and J. Duff, with a recommendation that it be adopted. (Appendix No. 271.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to concur therein.

Agreed to.

Also,

Reported as committed, the Joint Resolution requesting the members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the Legislature of Pennsylvania, from the City of Philadelphia, "to vote for the passage of a law, repealing so much of a certain Act of Assembly, requiring the Receiver of Taxes to send agents to certain Wards, to receive the taxes," with a recommendation that Council adopt the same. (Appendix No. 272.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to concur.

Agreed to.

Also,

Submitted a report with an Ordinance "to make an appropriation to pay the bills of the Coroner, for the months of September, October, November and December, 1856. (Appendix No. 273.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Bill.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Also,

Reported as committed, the Bill from Select Council, "To make an appropriation for the purposes therein men-

tioned," (Appendix No. 274,) with the following amendments :

Add 8. To pay George W. Chambers three months services as Vaccine Physician, Fourth Ward, due January 5th, 1857, \$ 12.50.

9. To pay Neall Matthews & Co., for six tops and six rails for lamp-posts. \$ 7.44.

To Washington Whilden, for compensation as Police Officer, during his confinement to the house, for injuries received in the discharge of his official duties, during the early part of 1856, (forty-one dollars and ten cents.)

Amend the First Section by striking out "thirty-seven," and insert "ninety-eight," and strike out " forty-two cents," and insert " forty-six cents."

Amend the Second Section by adding to the end,

"8. By the Board of Health."

"9. By the Chief Commissioner of Highways."

"10. By the Marshal."

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First Section as amended was agreed to.

The Second Section being under consideration,

Mr. Barber

Moved to amend by striking out " Marshal," and inserting " Mayor."

Agreed to.

The Second Section as amended was agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order {read a third time and passed.

Also,

Submitted a report and Resolution for the release of certain property of William Kirk, from the lien of a Judgment against Henry Bickley and others. (Appendix No. 275.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Hassinger,

Chairman of the Committee on Water Works,

Reported as committed, the Resolution from Select Council, authorizing the Chief Engineer of the Water Department, to draw a warrant to pay an assistant for making pipe plans of the City. (Appendix No. 276.)

Mr. Hagner

Moved that Council concur.

Agreed to. ;

Select Council

Informed that they have passed a Bill entitled "An Ordinance, amendatory to the Ordinance entitled An Ordinance to authorize a loan for the purchase of the gas works of the Germantown Gas Co., the Richmond Gas Co., the Kensington Gas Co., the Northern Liberties Gas Co., the Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Co., the Manayunk Gas Co., and for the use of the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works."

Mr. Owen

Moved to suspend the order of the day to proceed to the consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First Section being read,

Mr. Barber

Moved to refer the Bill to the Committee on Gas.

Not agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the First Section,

It was not agreed to.

Mr. Bremer,

Chairman of the Committee on Police,

Submitted a report, and Resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the application of citizens and property holders on north Second street, to have the new line of Omnibusses removed therefrom. (Appendix No. 277.)

Mr. Bremer

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Hassinger

Presented a communication from J. M. Raybold, submitting the names of John Green, Matthew M. Rogers and Samuel R. Erwin, his securities as Register of Water.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. A. J. Baker,

Chairman of the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department,

Submitted a report with "An Ordinance to place the Steam Fire Engine Young America in the possession and under the control of the Diligent Fire Engine Company, and to make an appropriation to keep the engine in serviceable and effective condition. (Appendix No. 278.)

Mr. A. J. Baker

Moved to proceed to the consideration thereof.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. B. H. Brown and Mascher,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Boller, Booth, Borie, Bradford, M. C. Brown, Catherwood, Davis, William Deal, Fitler, Ford, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Hubbard, Lex, Marsh, Melloy, McManus, McNeal, Robb, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Wright and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Barber, Barton, Bevan, Boyle, Bremer, Bromley, Benjamin H. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Butler, J. F. Deal, Dutton, Kelly, King, Lindsay, Mascher, Miller, O'Neill, Porter, Recktenwald, Spencer Roberts, Schofield, Sorver, Stevenson and Welsh.

Yeas 30. Nays 25.

Agreed to.

The First Section being read,

Mr. Miller

Moved to indefinitely postpone the consideration of the Bill.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. A. J. Baker and Mascher,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Barber, Barton, Bevan, Boyle, Bromley, Benjamin H. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dutton, Kelly, Lindsay, Mascher, Miller, McCleary, Northrop, O'Neill, Owen, Porter, Recktenwald, Spencer Roberts, Sorver, Stevenson and Welsh.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Booth, Borie, Bradford, Butler, Cathcr-

wood, Davis, Fitler, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, King, Lex, Marsh, Melloy, McManus, McNeal, Robb, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Wright and Patterson, President.

Yeas 25. Nays 27.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Welsh

Moved to strike out all after the enacting clause, and insert the following :

SECT. 1.—That the Steam Fire Engine “Young America,” shall revert to the Trustees and Original Donors, and that the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department shall furnish the Trustees of the Steam Fire Engine “Young America,” Messrs. J. Cowperthwait, Stephen Colwell, William V. Petit and Henry D. Sherrerd, with a copy each, of this Ordinance, and request them to take possession again, and remove the aforesaid Engine forthwith.

And all Ordinances and Resolutions which relate to the Steam Fire Engine Young America, which are now in force, be and the same are hereby repealed.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Welsh and B. H. Brown,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Barber, Boyle, Bromley, Benjamin H. Brown, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dutton, Fitler, Kelly, Lindsay, Mascher, Miller, McCleary, O'Neill, Owen, Porter, Recktenwald, Schofield, Sorver, Stevenson and Welsh.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barton, Bevan, Boller, Booth, Bradford, Butler, Catherwood, Davis, Ford, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Lex, Marsh, Melloy, McMakin, McNeal, Northrop, Parker Robb, T. J. Roberts, Vanhorn, Wright and Patterson, President.

Yeas 25. Nays 29.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Miller

Moved to strike out all after the word "Engine," in the sixth line, to the word "provided," in the ninth line.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Mascher and Welsh,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Barton, Boyle, Benjamin H. Brown, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Butler, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dutton, Fitler, Kelly, Lindsay, Mascher, Miller, McCleary, McMakin, Northrop, Owen, Porter, Schofield, Sorver, Stevenson and Welsh.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Bevan, Boller, Booth, Bradford, Catherwood, Ford, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Lex, Marsh, Melloy, McNeal, Parker, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Vanhorn, Wright and Patterson, President.

Yeas 24. Nays 24.

Not agreed to.

Mr. B. H. Brown

Moved to amend by adding as follows :

"And provided further, and that the services of the Engineer of the said Steam Fire Engine Young America, be dispensed with, on the delivery of the said Engine to the Diligent Fire Company."

Not agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the Section,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Miller and Welsh,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Bevan, Boller, Booth, Borie, Bradford, Butler, Catherwood, Ford, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Lex, Marsh, Melloy, McNeal, Parker, Robb, T. J. Roberts, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Wright and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Barton, Boyle, M. C. Brown, Brouse, Dutton, McMakin, Northrop, Owen and Schofield.

Yeas 27. Nays 9.

A quorum of members not having voted,
It was not agreed to.

Also,

Submitted a report and Resolution to authorize the Superintendent of Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph to place a fire alarm Signal box, in the house of the Philadelphia Hose Company. (Appendix No. 279.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. Baird,

Chairman of the Committee of Conference,

On the Resolution to cleanse the dock at Spruce street wharf, on the River Schuylkill, submitted a report. (Appendix No. 280.)

Mr. Baird

Moved that the report be adopted.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Henry,

Chairman of the Special Committee,

To enquire and report whether the duties of a Police Magistrate are statelily executed at the office of the Mayor, of this City, and if so by whom, and under what authority, and whether any statement of fines, penalties and costs have been made, &c., submitted a report. (Appendix No. 281.)

Laid on the table.

Mr. O'Neill,

Chairman of the Special Committee,

On the necessity of culverting the Cohocksink Creek, submitted a report with a Resolution, recommending the early attention of the next Council to the subject. (Appendix No. 282.)

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Boller and Lex,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Barber, Bevan, Borie, Benjamin H. Brown, Catherwood, Fitler, Mascher, O'Neill, Stevenson and Welsh.

NAYS—Messrs. A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Boyle, M. C. Brown, Butler, Dutton, Hagner, Henry, Kelly, McNeal, Robb, Vanhorn, Wright and Patterson, President.

Yeas 10. Nays 14.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Northrop

Moved to proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 90, Common Council File, "to construct a Bridge over the Reading Rail Road."

Not agreed to.

Select Council

Informed Common Council that they have passed a Resolution to grade a portion of Hutchinson street.

Referred to the Committee on Highways.

Also,

A Resolution to lay water pipe on Mifflin and other streets.

Also,

A Resolution to authorize the Chief Engineer of the Water Works to invite proposals for water pipe, and the necessary stop cocks, &c.

Which were referred to the Committee on Water Works.

Also,

“A Resolution to prepare the plan and grades of a Section of the Twenty-fourth Ward.”

Referred to the Committee on Surveys and Regulations.

Also,

That they have concurred in the Resolution to authorize the grading of West Street.

Also,

In the Resolution to authorize the grading of Cambridge Street.

Also,

In the Resolution entitled “Resolution to authorize a release of certain property of William Kirk, from the lien of a Judgment.”

Also,

In the Resolution entitled “a Resolution for prosecuting the Survey and Regulations in the Twenty-fourth Ward.”

Also,

The Resolution entitled “Resolution to arrange the grades on City Avenue.”

Mr. Fitler

Moved to adjourn.

Agreed to.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, May 7th, 1857.

Council met.

The President in the Chair.

Members present,

Messrs. Alexander,

Baird,

Baker, A. J.

Baker, Abraham,

Barber,

Boller,

Booth,

Borie,

Boyle,

Bradford,

Bremer,

Bromley,

Brown, M. C.,

Brownholtz,

Brouse,

Butler,

Catherwood,

Crease,

Deal, J. F.,

Deal, William,

Dougherty,

Dutton,

Fitler,

Ford,

Geiss,

Hagner,

Hassinger,

Henry,

Messrs. Holman,

Horrocks,

Hubbard,

Iseminger,

Kelly,

King,

Lex,

Lindsay,

Martin,

Mascher,

Melloy,

Miller,

Murphy,

McCleary,

McMakin,

McManus,

McNeal,

Northrop,

O'Neill,

Owen,

Parker,

Porter,

Recktenwald,

Robb,

Roberts, Spencer,

Schofield,

Slocum,

Snyder,

Messrs. Sorver,	Messrs. Vogdes,
Stevenson	Welsh,
Vanhorn,	Wright,
Patterson, President.	

The Clerk having commenced reading the Journal.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to dispense with the further reading thereof.

Agreed to.

Mr. Welsh

On leave granted, presented the following communication :

To the President and Members
of Common Council.

GENTLEMEN :—

In accordance with the Act of Consolidation, Section 48, permit me most respectfully to tender to your honorable body, my resignation as Guardian of Poor of Third Ward.

I remain your obedient servant,

ABRAHAM B. KAUFFMAN.

Philadelphia, May 7, 1857.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to dispense with the reception of petitions, to take up the reports of Committees.

Agreed to.

Mr. A. J. Baker,

From the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department,

Submitted a report with an Ordinance to authorize the placing of a Fire Alarm Box in the office of the Engineer

of Twenty-fourth Ward Water Works, and to make an appropriation therefor. (Appendix No. 283.)

Mr. A. J. Baker

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Bill having been read a second time,

Mr. Abraham Baker

Moved to lay it on the table.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. A. J. Baker and Abraham Baker,

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, Abraham Baker, Boller, Booth, Borie, Bromley, J. F. Deal, Ford, Hagner, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Kelly, King, Mascher, McMakin, Robb, Spencer Roberts, Snyder, Sorver Stevenson, Vanhorn and Patterson, President.

NAYS—Messrs. Alexander, A. J. Baker, Boyle, Bradford, Brownholtz, Brouse, Catherwood, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Geiss, Hassinger, Hubbard, Iseminger, Lindsay, Martin, Miller, Murphy, McManus, O'Neill, Owen, Porter, Slocum, Vogdes, Welsh and Wright.

Yeas 23. Nays 26.

Not agreed to.

The First Section was agreed to.

The Second Section being under consideration,

Mr. Abraham Baker

Moved to amend by adding as follows, "that the appropriation shall be changed to the Item for equipping and putting in service the Steam Fire Engine Young America."

Agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the Section as amended,

It was not agreed to.

The Second Section was not agreed to.

The Title was not agreed to.

Also,

A report and Resolution to admit the Spring Garden Hose Company into the Fire Department. (Appendix No. 284.)

Mr. Baker

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Lex and Catherwood,

And being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, A. J. Baker, Barber, Booth, Bremer, Bromley, Benjamin H. Brown, Brownholtz, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Fitler, Hagner, Hassinger, Holman, Hubbard, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Melloy, Miller, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Owen, Porter, Slocum, Sorver, Stevenson, Vogdes, Welsh and Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Baird, Abraham Baker, Boller, Boyle, M. C. Brown, Butler, Catherwood, Geiss, Henry, Kelly, King, Lex, Robb, Spencer Roberts, Snyder, Vanhorn and Patterson, President.

Yeas 32. Nays 17.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Miller,

Chairman of the Committee on Highways,

Submitted a report with a Resolution, providing for the opening of Dean street from Bedford street across Franklin Avenue to Duke street, in the Eighteenth Ward. (Appendix No. 285.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Reported as committed, the Resolution from Select Council, "to authorize the paving of certain streets," (Appendix No. 286,) with the following amendments:

Amend the Resolution so that it shall read as follows:

1. Resolved, by the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the owners of property or a majority thereof, fronting on the following named streets, viz:

Austin street, from Wharton to Reed street, in the First Ward;

Brown street, from Ridge avenue to Frances street;

Granite street, from Seventeenth to Eighteenth street;

Fifteenth street, from Centre to Barclay street, in the Fifteenth Ward;

Nineteenth street, from Coates street to Ridge avenue, in the Fifteenth and Twentieth Wards.

Jefferson street, from Fifth to Sixth street, in the Seventeenth Ward;

Adam street, from Columbia avenue to Cherry street;

Sixth street, from Susquehanna avenue to Lehigh avenue;

Price street, from Frankford road to Amber street, in the Nineteenth Ward;

Oxford street, from Tenth to Twelfth street;

Marvine street, from Jefferson to Montgomery street;

Thompson street, from Eleventh to Broad street;

Mifflin street, from Jefferson to Oxford street;

Merchant street, from Thompson to Master street;

Robertson street, from Master to Jefferson street, in the Twentieth Ward, and

Market street, from Till street to the commencement of the Plank road, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, are hereby authorized to pave the same, Provided, that the city shall be at no expense for the said paving, except for the intersections, and the contractors for doing the said paving shall enter into an obligation to keep the same in good repair for two years from the time the same is finished; and provided further, that water pipe may be laid in said streets before the paving is begun.

Also, add the following:

2d. Resolved, That the Department of Highways is authorized to do the grading necessary in the streets named in the foregoing Resolution, preparatory to the paving thereof, and the said Department is also authorized to grade Manheim street, from the plank road to Wissahickon street, in the Twenty-second Ward, and to expend therein not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars.

3d. Resolved, That the owners of property on Franklin street, from Jefferson street to Columbia Avenue, and on Master street, from Sixteenth street to Ridge avenue, in the Twentieth Ward, be notified to set the curb stone, and pave the footways in front of their respective properties.

Also, amend the title so as to read as follows:—"Resolutions to authorize the paving and grading of certain streets, and for other purposes."

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the amendments.

Agreed to.

The Resolution as amended was adopted.

Also,

Submitted a report with a Resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the petition for widening

Vienna street, in the Eighteenth Ward. (Appendix No. 287.)

Mr. Miller

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Submitted a report, with a Resolution relating to the petition of John McCloud and Jacob Opperman, asking for the payment of certain road damages. (Appendix No. 288.)

Mr. Miller,

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Resolution.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Northrop

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 91, Common Council File, "to provide for the construction of a Bridge over the Reading Rail Road."

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. O'Neill,

Chairman of the Committee on Law,

Reported as Committed, the Ordinance from Select

Council, "to prohibit the sale of game when out of season."
(Appendix No. 289.)

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the Bill.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Also,

Submitted a report, with a Resolution to change the place of holding the election in the seventh division of the Twelfth Ward. (Appendix No. 290.)

Mr. Dougherty

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Also,

Submitted a report with a Resolution referring the petition of Robert Doak, for a remission of the penalty for violating the Building Inspection Laws, to the Solicitor. (Appendix No. 291.)

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Bremer,

Chairman of the Committee on Police,

Submitted a report with a Resolution referring the Bills of John Clouds, A. H. Shoemaker, and James Taggart, late Police Magistrates of the Sixteenth, Eighteenth and Nineteenth Wards, to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to report an Ordinance for the payment of the same. (Appendix No. 292.)

Mr. Bremer

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Baird,

Chairman of the Committee on Wharves and Landings,

Reported as committed, the Resolution from Select Council, providing for the construction of Counting Houses at Coates and Green street Wharves. (Appendix No. 293.)

Mr. Baird

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Brown,

Chairman of the Committee on Market Houses,

Submitted a report adverse to the petition of citizens, asking that the open space at the eastern end of the Market, Section 10, be set apart for the sale of sea and other fish, with a Resolution to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. (Appendix No. 294.)

Mr. Brown

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

The President

Presented the following communication from the Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
May 7th, 1857.

To the President and Members of the Common
Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :—

The following Joint Resolutions have been approved and signed, viz :

On the 4th inst. A Resolution for prosecuting the Survey and Regulations in the Twenty-fourth Ward.

On the 4th inst. A Resolution to arrange the grades in City Avenue.

On the 6th inst. A Resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Highways to grade Cambridge street, from Seventeenth street to Ridge Avenue, provided it shall not cost over fifty dollars.

On the 6th inst. A Resolution authorizing the Chief Commissioner of Highways to have West street graded, from Somerset street to William street, provided that it shall not cost more than fifty dollars.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of Philadelphia.

Laid on the table.

Also,

A communication from the Mayor, submitting his objections to the approval of the Bill, "to authorize a loan for the purchase of the Germantown, Richmond, Kensington, Northern Liberties, Southwark and Moyamensing and the Manayunk Gas Works, and for the use of the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works." (Appendix No. 295.)

The question being upon the passage of the Bill, notwithstanding the veto of the Mayor.

The Yeas and Nays were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Borie, Boyle, Bradford, Bremer, Bromley, Benjamin H. Brown, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Butler, Catherwood, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dutton, Geiss, Hagner, Holman, Horrocks, Iseminger, Kelly, Lox, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Melloy, Miller, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Owen, Porter, Robb, Spencer Roberts, Slocum, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Welsh and Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Barber, Booth, Fittler, Ford, Hassinger, Henry, Hubbard, King, Mecutchen, Parker and Patterson, President.

Yeas 46. Nays 12.

Not agreed to.

Mr. Hassinger was called to the Chair.

Mr. King

Offered the following Resolution :

Resolved, That we, the members of Common Council, with great pleasure hereby record our high appreciation of the able, impartial and courteous manner, in which William C. Patterson, Esq., has discharged his duties as the presiding officer of this body for the past year; whereby he has commended himself to our warm personal regard, and to this expression of our kind wishes for his future prosperity.

Mr. King

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution being read a second time,

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. King and Parker,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Alexander, Baird, A. J. Baker, Abraham Baker, Barber, Boller, Booth, Borie, Boyle, Bradford, Bremer, Bromley, Benjamin H. Brown, M. C. Brown, Brownholtz, Brouse, Butler, Catherwood, Crease, J. F. Deal, William Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Fitler, Ford, Geiss, Hagner, Hassinger, Henry, Holman, Horrocks, Hubbard, Iseminger, Kelly, King, Lex, Lindsay, Martin, Mascher, Mecutchen, Melloy, Monaghan, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, McNeal, Northrop, O'Neill, Owen, Parker, Porter, Recktenwald, Robb, Spencer Roberts, Schofield, Slocum, Snyder, Sorver, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Vogdes, Welsh and Wright.

Yeas 64. Nays none.

It was agreed to.

Mr. Owen

Offered the following :

Resolved, That the thanks of the chamber are due and are hereby tendered to the Clerks and Messengers of Common Council, for the faithful manner in which they have discharged the duties of their several stations.

Mr. Owen

Moved to suspend the rules and proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The Resolution was read twice and adopted.

Mr. Owen

Moved to suspend the order of the day to proceed to the consideration of Resolution No. 155, Select Council Appendix, to authorize the Chief Commissioner of Highways to release S. H. Beamer & Co., from their contract for cleansing the Eighth District.

Not agreed to

Select Council

Informed Common Council, that they had concurred in the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay certain claims against the City," with the following amendments:

Strike out all after the word "property," in the fifth line of the Second Section, and insert "and to be changed to Item 25 of an Ordinance entitled An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of City Property for the expenses thereof, for the year 1857," approved March 26, 1857.

For Items 8 and 10, by the Chief Engineer and Surveyor, and to be changed to Item 29, of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Surveys, for the year 1857," approved March 2d, 1857.

For Item 9, by the Chief Engineer of the Water Works, and to be changed to Item 36, of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department for supplying the City with Water, for the year 1857, and to pay debts contracted in previous years," approved March 6, 1857.

For Item 11, by the Controllors of Public Schools, and to be changed to Item "for the employment of additional Teachers if found necessary during the year," as contained in an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of Controllors of the Public Schools of the First School District of Pennsylvania, for the purpose of defraying the cost of maintaining and managing the Schools in the said District, for the year 1857," approved March 30, 1857.

Provided, That the warrant for the payment of Item No. 10, shall not be drawn by the said Chief Engineer and Surveyor, until he shall be satisfied that any and all claims against the City of Philadelphia, caused by any error or errors which may have been committed by him, the said E. L. Spain, in the discharge of his official duties as Surveyor of the late District of Richmond, have been fully released and discharged.

Mr. Hagner

Moved to concur.

Agreed to.

Also,

That they have concurred in the Bill "to make an appropriation for the support of convicts in the Eastern Penitentiary, for 1856, and to pay certain claims against the Corporation," with the following amendments:

Strike out in the 4th line, "E. J. Megonegal, for making out transcripts for 1856, the sum of \$ 311," and insert "John H. Gardiner, for upholstering in the several court rooms, under the direction of the City Commissioners for 1856, the sum of three hundred and fifty-one dollars and ten cents."

Strike out "George" after the word "pay" in item 6, and insert "John."

Strike out in item 10, "expenses incident to drawing Juries for the year 1857, the sum of three hundred dollars," and insert "proprietor of the North American and United States Gazette, for advertising Resolutions and Ordinances of Councils for 1856, the sum of eighty-eight dollars and seventy-six cents."

Strike out "James" after the word "pay" in twelfth line and insert "Joseph."

Add the following items to end of First Section,

- "20 To pay Sanderson and Son for Chair, twelve dollars,"
- "21 To pay Charles Schaffer, for carpenter work, seventeen dollars and fifty cents,"
- "22 To pay Enoch Arthur, for lumber, twenty-nine dollars and ninety-four cents."
- "23 To pay Joseph Severns, for advertising, twenty-dollars and fifty cents."

Strike out "eight hundred and fifteen dollars and eighty-nine cents," where they appear in the third line of the First Section, and insert "seven hundred and twenty-four dollars and sixty-nine cents."

Amend Section 2, by striking out all after the word "Treasurer" in the second line, and inserting "for items, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17 and 18, by the City Commissioners; for items, 10, 20, 21 and 23, by the Clerks of Councils, and be charged to item 4, of an Ordinance entitled An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Clerks of Councils, for the expenses of Councils for the year 1857, approved February 26, 1857; for items 16 and 19, by the Commissioner of City Property, and be charged to item 23, of an Ordinance entitled An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of City Property, for the expenses thereof, for the year 1857, approved March 26, 1857; for item 8, by the Chief Engineer of the Water Works, and be charged to item 36, of an Ordinance entitled An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department for supplying the City with water for the year 1857, and to pay debts contracted in previous years, approved March 6, 1857; for item 22, by the Chief Commissioner of Highways, and to be charged to item 7, of an Ordinance entitled An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers and cleansing the City for the year 1857, and to pay deficiencies occurring in the year 1854-55 and 56, approved March 16, 1857."

Mr. Hagner

Moved to concur.

Agreed to.

Also,

That they have passed a Bill to provide for the payment of M. Thomas and Sons.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to proceed to the second reading and consideration of the same.

Agreed to.

The First and Second Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Also,

That they have passed a Resolution approving of John Green, Matthew Rogers and Samuel R. Ervin, as securities of Joshua M. Raybold, as Register of Water.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Hagner

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 2, Select Council File, "Supplementary to an Ordinance to provide a sinking fund for the redemption of the debt of the City of Philadelphia."

Agreed to.

The First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Sections were agreed to.

The Title was agreed to.

And the Bill ordered to be transcribed for a third reading.

It was then by special order read a third time and passed.

Mr. O'Neill

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of Bill No. 3, Select Council File, "Supplementary to an Ordinance to provide a sinking fund for the redemption of the debt of the City of Philadelphia."

Agreed to.

The First and only Section being under consideration.

Mr. Miller

Moved to add the letter "s" to the word Committee where it occurs.

Agreed to.

Mr. Boller

Moved to lay the Bill on the table.

The Yeas and Nays were demanded by Messrs. Miller and Mascher,

And being ordered, were as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Baird, A. J. Baker, Boller, Booth, Bradford, Bremer, Bromley, Benjamin H. Brown, M. C. Brown, Butler, Catherwood, William Deal, Ford, Henry, Horrocks, Hubbard, Iseminger, Kelly, Lindsay, Mascher, Melloy, Murphy, McCleary, McMakin, McManus, O'Neill, Robb, Spencer Roberts, Snyder, Stevenson, Vanhorn, Welsh and Wright.

NAYS—Messrs. Abraham Baker, Boyle, Brownholtz, Crease, J. F. Deal, Dougherty, Dutton, Fitler, Geiss, Hassinger, King, Lex, Mecutchen, Miller, Slocum, Sorver and Patterson, President.

Yeas 33. Nays 17.

Agreed to.

Mr. A. J. Baker

Moved to suspend the order of the day and proceed to the consideration of the Resolution on page 333, Select Council Appendix, authorizing the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department to draw warrants for the payment of the salaries of the Assistant and Ex-Chief Engineers of the Steam Fire Engine "Young America," and Samuel Fearon expense for hauling hose to and from fires.

Not agreed to.

Select Council

Informed Common Council, that they have concurred in the Bill entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay the bill of Joseph Delavau, Coroner, for the months of September, October November and December, 1856."

Also,

In the amendments of Common Council to the Bill from Select Council entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the purposes therein mentioned."

Also,

In the Bill entitled "An Ordinance for the construction of a Bridge over the Reading Railroad."

Also,

In the Resolution entitled "Resolution to give notice of the opening of Dean street in the Eighteenth Ward."

Council then adjourned, sine die.

Attest:

JOHN D. MILES,

Clerk of Common Council.

APPENDIX

TO THE

JOURNAL OF COMMON COUNCIL.

APPENDIX No. 1.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HIGHWAYS. }
Office S. W. cor. Chestnut & Fifth sts. }

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 15, 1856.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The enclosed copy of communication from Edward Olmstead, Esq., Attorney for Lane Schofield, asking that the contract between said Schofield and the City for the cleansing of the Fourth District embracing the Fifth and Sixth Wards, be cancelled, is respectfully submitted to your consideration.

Your immediate action is respectfully solicited in the matter, as I have no hesitation in declaring that the interests of the City as well as the health and comfort of the citizens would be promoted by the immediate cancellation of the contract.

Respectfully yours,

J. McCARTHY,
Chief Commissioner Highways.

PHILADA., Nov. 13, 1856.

JOHN MCCARTHY, Esq., Chief Commissioner of Highways.

SIR:—I am instructed by Mr. Lane Schofield, the contractor for cleansing the Fifth and Sixth Wards of the City, to inform you, that it is his desire to have the consent of the Corporation to the cancellation of his said contract; such cancellation to take effect on the 26th of November next.

Mr. Schofield is constrained to make this application among other things, by the fact that he is unable to obtain from the City, payment in money, of the sums which by the terms of the contract he is entitled to receive.

It is declared that Mr. Schofield does not hereby waive any claim he has, or may have against the Corporation for any sum now due, or to grow due to him by virtue of his said contract.

I am yours respectfully,

EDWARD OLMSTEAD.

APPENDIX No. 2.

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
Philada., Nov. 13, 1856. }

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The business of this Department has increased to such an extent as to constrain me to solicit from your honorable bodies the authority to employ an additional Clerk to attend to the miscellaneous writing of the office.

Until within the past two months it was the custom to embrace in one bill, and one warrant the entire monthly or semi-monthly pay rolls of all the persons employed under the several Supervisors and Purveyors. Since then, under the advice of the Finance Committees of Councils, sustained by the legal advice

of the City Solicitor, the bill of *each individual* is separately audited and entered in the books, and separate warrants drawn for the payment thereof. This course, required by the law, and eminently calculated to protect the financial interests of the City, has so largely increased the duties of the Clerks as to render it impossible, without much detention and complaint, to detach any one of them from their regular routine duties to attend and respond to the daily calls for documentary information made by the several Departments and the Committees and Members of Councils.

I would not be understood as desiring to increase the expenses of the City Government; on the contrary I conscientiously believe that the small outlay for the object named, would be the means of large savings in the end.

If your honorable bodies should come to the contrary conclusion, I trust I will not be subjected to censure for any unavoidable delays which may occur when called upon for specific documentary information.

Very respectfully your obd't sv't.

S. TAYLOR,

City Controller.

APPENDIX No. 3.

OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLERS OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS, }
 First School District of Pennsylvania. }
 PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 12, 1856.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

At a meeting of Public Schools, First District of Pennsylvania, held at the Controllers' Chamber, on Tuesday, November 11, 1856, the following Resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia be informed that the sum of

six hundred and eighty-five thousand six hundred and seventy-seven dollars (\$685,677) will be required to defray the expenses of the Public Schools of the First School District of Pennsylvania during the ensuing year 1857.

From the Minutes.

R. J. HEMPHILL, Secretary.

APPENDIX No. 4.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLERS OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS, }
First School District of Philadelphia. }

PHILADA., Nov. 12, 1856.

At a meeting of the Controllers of Public Schools, First District of Pennsylvania, held at the Controllers Chamber, on Tuesday, November 11th, 1856, the Special Committee, consisting of Washington J. Jackson, Hon. Charles J. Ingersoll, and T. K. Collins, Jr., to whom was referred the communication from F. A. Rorie, in relation to his claim for services rendered as Professor of the German Language in the Central High School, made a report, accompanied by the following Resolution, which was adopted, and a copy was directed to be sent to the City Councils.

Resolved, That the claim of \$660 pro rata by Professor F. A. Rorie, for services rendered as teacher of the German Language in the Central High School, during the last six months of his engagement, terminating with September 1, 1856, being just, and in accordance with the terms fixed upon by this Board at the time of his election to that position; he be permitted to draw the warrant for \$558, now in the Secretary's office, as part payment of his claim, and that he is entitled to the balance of \$102 to be paid him as soon as in funds.

From the Minutes.

R. J. HEMPHILL, Secretary.

APPENDIX No. 5.

REPORT OF JOINT COMMITTEE OF PORT WARDENS AND PUBLIC LANDINGS AND SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Joint Committee of Port Wardens and Public Landings and Surveys and Regulations, to whom were referred the Ordinance to fix the lines on the Delaware River beyond which no wharf nor pier shall be constructed, together with certain amendments thereto, as made by Select Council, respectfully report,

That they have considered the same, and approve of the amendments as returned by Select Council, and recommend the concurrence of Common Council therein.

*Committee on Surveys and
Regulations.*

GEO. NORTHRUP, *Chairman*,
CHARLES B. ROBERTS,
JOSEPH GEISZ,
SAMUEL P. DUTTON.

*Committee on Port Wardens
and Public Landings.*

WM. M. BAIRD, *Chairman*,
WILLIAM C. KELLY,
FRANCIS J. BORIE,
ALEX. MARTIN,
FRANCIS McMANUS,

AMENDMENTS.

Strike out all after the fifth line in the first section, and insert as follows:

“And in conformity with a plan made by authority of the Select and Common Councils of said city, and under the direction of the Chief Engineer and Surveyor, which plan is made a part of this Ordinance, and shall be deposited among the archives of the City in the Department of Surveys, and a copy of said plan, verified by the Chief Engineer and Surveyor shall be deposited in the office of the Board of Port Wardens,” and the said wharf line shall henceforth conform in all respects, to the figures on said plan, and the following description, to wit:—Beginning at the north-east corner of Lennig’s Wharf, at mouth of Frankford Creek; thence to the north side of Locust

street, Twenty-third Ward, nine hundred feet from the east side of Garden street; thence to the south line of the third main street above Juniata street, nine hundred and twenty feet east of the west side of Carbon street; thence to the north side of the first main street above Juniata street, sixteen hundred and eighty-five feet east of the west side of Carbon street; thence to the north side of Juniata street, nineteen hundred and seventy-five feet east of the west side of Carbon street; thence to the north side of a street three hundred and thirty feet north of Luzerne street, two thousand and fifty feet east of the west side of Carbon street; thence to the north line of Pike street, six hundred and seventy feet east of the west side of Delaware avenue; thence to the north side of Erie avenue, seven hundred and eighty feet east of the west side of Delaware avenue; thence to the north side of Tioga street, eight hundred and thirty feet east of the west side of Delaware avenue; thence to the north side of Westmoreland street, seven hundred and eighty feet east of the west side of Delaware avenue; thence to the north side of Ann street, ten hundred and thirty feet east of the west side of Delaware avenue; thence to the south side of Cumberland street, five hundred and thirty feet east of the west side of Delaware avenue; thence to the south side of Wood street, three hundred and seventy feet east of the west side of Delaware avenue; thence to the south side of Shackamaxon street, five hundred feet east of the west side of Delaware avenue; thence to the south side of Green street, five hundred and twenty feet east of the west side of Delaware avenue; thence to the south side of Vine street, three hundred and five feet east of the west side of the Delaware avenue; thence to the north side of Chestnut street, two hundred and seventy feet east of the west side of Delaware avenue; thence to the north side of Spruce street, two hundred and eighty feet east of the west side of Delaware avenue; thence to a point one hundred and eighteen feet north of the north line of Lombard street, two hundred and eighty-two feet east of

the west side of Delaware avenue, in line with the south side of Burton's wharf; thence to the south side of Christian street, four hundred and fifty feet east of the west side of Wharf street; thence to the north side of Dickinson street, five hundred and sixty feet east of the west side of Wharf street; thence to the north side of Porter street, twenty-five hundred and sixty feet east of the east side of East street; thence to the north side of Johnson street, thirty-one hundred and thirty feet east of the east side of East street; thence to the north side of the fourth street south of Johnson street, thirty-two hundred and ninety feet east of the east line of East street; thence to the north side of the Point-House wharf, in line with the north side, ninety feet east of the north-east corner of said wharf, as the same is set forth on said plans. The distance in all cases to be measured in the direction of street lines.

Provided, That no permit shall hereafter be granted by the Board of Port Wardens to extend any wharf between South and Vine streets, until the owner or owners thereof shall have conveyed to the city of Philadelphia so much of his or their property east of Delaware avenue as will be required to make said avenue fifty feet in width from the established line of buildings on the western line thereof.

And provided, That no permit shall be granted by the Board of Port Wardens for the extension of any wharf or wharves south of Prime street, until the owner or owners thereof shall have dedicated to the City of Philadelphia so much of their property as may be required to open a wharf, street or avenue of one hundred feet in width from the aforesaid Prime street to the Point-House; the west side of said avenue in no case to approach near to the wharf line hereby established, than five hundred feet.

And provided further, That no permit shall be granted by the Board of Port Wardens to extend any wharf between the angle on Penn street, south-west of Shackamaxon street and Marlborough street, until the owner or owners thereof shall have dedicated to the

City of Philadelphia so much of his or their property as may be required for the extension of Penn street, from said angle, with a width of seventy feet to intersect Delaware avenue at Marlborough street.

"And the property conveyed and dedicated as herein set forth, shall be for opening and widening the streets herein named, and for no other purpose."

In the second section amend by inserting after the words "Board of," in the seventh line, the word "Port."

In the third section amend by inserting after the word "length," in the fourth line, the words "measuring from its eastern line," and after the word "shore," in same line, the word "and."

Also,

After the word "oak," in the ninth line, the words "or to be of iron of such size and form as shall be approved by the Board of Port Wardens."

In the fourth section amend by inserting after the word "any," in the first line, the word "new," and after the word "wharf," in the same line, the words, "or to the extension of any wharf."

In the title strike out "Pike street," and insert "Frankford Creek."

APPENDIX No. 6.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred an Ordinance read in place to make an appropriation to the Board of Guardians of the Poor, report the same back, and ask the adoption of the following Resolution.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
ABM. BAKER,
JOSHUA T. OWEN,
THOS. CRAVEN.

Nov. 19, 1856.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the Ordinance be referred to the Committee on Poor, and the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

AN ORDINANCE

Making an extra appropriation to the Board of Guardians of the Poor for the year 1856.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of twenty thousand one hundred and ninety-eight dollars and thirteen cents be and the same is hereby appropriated to the Board of Guardians of the Poor, to be applied by them for the purpose of out-door relief in the following particulars—that is to say:

For supplies of coal for out-door relief, two thousand dollars.

For supplies of wood for out-door relief, one thousand dollars.

For groceries and money for out-door relief, four thousand dollars.

For disbursements of out-door agent, eleven hundred dollars.

For bastardy and support cases, two thousand dollars.

For rent of visitors' offices, two hundred and forty dollars.

For cupping and leeching, two hundred dollars.

For burial of small pox cases, one hundred and twenty dollars.

For costs of suits in desertion and other cases, one hundred and fifty dollars.

For ground rent of city office, ninety dollars.

For salaries of out-door officers, viz:—visitors, physicians, apothecaries, Secretary of Board, out-door agent, wagon-driver, and messenger, five thousand and seventy dollars.

For bills contracted and passed by the Board for which no warrants have been drawn, three thousand four hundred and thirty dollars and six cents.

To pay discount on warrants, seven hundred and ninety-eight dollars and seven cents.

APPENDIX No. 7.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the application from the Mayor for changing certain items of appropriation, report the following Resolution and ask its adoption.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
ABM. BAKER,
JOSHUA T. OWEN,
THOS. CRAVEN.

Nov. 19, 1856.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That so much of the appropriation as was made to the Department of Police by Ordinance approved on the eleventh day of March last, as shall amount to seven hundred and fifty dollars, be transferred to the following accounts, viz :

ITEM 2—"Rent," three hundred and twenty-five dollars. Item 10—"arrest and conviction of offenders," one hundred and seventy-five dollars. Total, five hundred dollars, be, and the same is hereby appropriated to account of item 7—"cleansing Station Houses," and item 8—"repairs, meals and incidentals." *Two hundred and fifty dollars to each.* And, also, item 5—"water," one hundred and nine dollars. Item 13—"matches," thirty-seven dollars. Item 15—"salaries of Police Magistrates," one hundred and four dollars.

Total, two hundred and fifty dollars, be, and the same is hereby appropriated to account of Item 9—"Printing and Stationery."

ITEM 2. Rent,	\$325
" 5. Water,	109
" 10. Arrest of Offenders,	175
" 13. Matches,	37
" 15. Police Magistrates,	104
Total,	<u>\$740.</u>

APPENDIX No. 8.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an Ordinance from Select Council, "To make an appropriation to the Department of the City Controller," report the same as committed, and recommend its passage.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
 ABM. BAKER,
 JOSHUA T. OWEN,
 THOS. CRAVEN.

Nov. 19, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to the Department of the City Controller for purposes therein mentioned.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of four hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to the Department of the City Controller for the following purposes, namely:

For Stationery, two hundred and fifty dollars.

For incidental expenses, one hundred and fifty dollars.

SEC. 2. That warrants for the payment of the said appropriation shall be drawn by the Controller in the manner and form, and with the requisites prescribed in existing Ordinances respecting the drawing of warrants for the payment of money from the City Treasury.

APPENDIX No. 9.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred "An Ordinance to authorize the sale of certain stocks owned by the City of Philadelphia," report the same, with amendments.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
HENRY J. BOLLER,
JOSHUA T. OWEN,
THOS. CRAVEN.

Nov. 19, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To authorize the sale of certain Stocks owned by the City of Philadelphia.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the City Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to sell at par, and transfer to the North Pennsylvania Railroad Company, nine thousand (9,000) Shares of the Capital Stock of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, subscribed for and owned by the City of Philadelphia, previous to the 2d of February. 1854, and to receive

in payment therefor, the first mortgage bonds of the said the North Pennsylvania Rail Road Company, at the rate of seventy-five (75) per cent of the par value thereof.

SEC. 2. Delivery of the Certificates of the said Stock and the transfers thereof shall be made when the Mayor shall certify, in writing, to the said City Treasurer, that he the said Mayor has received satisfactory evidence that sales shall have been effected after the date of the approval of this Ordinance of an additional amount of six hundred thousand dollars, (\$600,000) of the said first Mortgage Bonds by the North Pennsylvania Railroad Company, for cash or prime negotiable paper not having more than four months to run at the rate of seventy-five per centum of the par value thereof.

SEC. 3. The Bonds of the said the North Pennsylvania Railroad Company which shall be received by the City in payment for the said Stock, are hereby appropriated to the sinking fund for the payment of the funded debt of the City, and the City Treasurer by and with the advice and consent of the Committee on Finance of each Council, is hereby authorized to exchange the said Mortgage Bonds of the North Pennsylvania Railroad Company for Certificates of City Loan, estimating the said Bonds at not less than seventy-five per cent. thereof, and the said City Loan at the par value thereof.

APPENDIX No. 10.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WATER WORKS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee on Water Works herewith present a report of the Chief Engineer of

the Water Department, with accompanying statements of the quantity of Water Pipe laid, cost of laying the same, amount received for water pipe, balance due, &c.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. S. HASSINGER, *Chairman*,
WM. HORROCKS,
B. F. WRIGHT,
JOS. P. FITLER,
ANDREW J. HOLMAN,
CHAS. E. LEX.

Nov. 19, 1856.

DEPARTMENT FOR SUPPLYING THE CITY WITH WATER.

PHILADELPHIA, NOV. 19, 1856. }
To the Committee on Water Works. }

COMMON COUNCIL—

GENTLEMEN:—The statements herewith marked “A” and “B,” are respectfully submitted for your consideration.

Statement “A” shows the length of water pipes laid during the present year, distinguishing between what was done by my predecessor, and what has been done by myself.

Statement “B” shows the amount of the appropriation for 1856—the expenditures therefrom, the pipes laid during the year, the quantity ordered to be laid and not yet completed, the appropriation required therefor, and the revenue from water pipes up to Nov. 18th of this year, and for the year.

It will be seen from these statements, that the appropriation for water pipes is exhausted, and that an additional appropriation is required to lay that which is already ordered by Councils. It will be perceived also, that the money expended for this purpose is constantly being returned to the Treasury of the City.

It rests with Councils to make the appropriation.

Respectfully,

SAMUEL OGDIN,
Chief Engineer.

Appropriation for water pipes, 1856, . . \$52,500 00
 Expended to July 9th, 1856, 12,459 58
 During this period there was laid 6,104
 feet of pipes.

Balance July 9th, 1856,	\$40,040 42
Expended from July 9th, 1856, to Nov. 6th,	39,900 00
During this period there have been laid 45,038 feet of pipes.	

Balance of appropriation, . . \$140 42
 22,743 feet of the pipes ordered to be laid by Coun-
 cils, are yet to be completed. Of this a large amount
 is immediately required. Several of the streets are to be
 paved, and the materials are already upon them, but
 nothing can be done to the paving until the water
 pipes are first laid.

One of the streets not yet supplied with pipes, is
 that leading to the State Railroad Depot, in the Twen-
 ty-fourth Ward. When it is done, the water tax of
 the State will add \$500 to the Duplicate of that Ward.
 The pipes upon the same street will supply the Union
 Drove Yard, which if done, will add at least \$200
 more to the same duplicate.

If the appropriation applied for is confined to the
 laying of pipes upon the streets where they are most
 needed, \$12,000 will be sufficient.

RECEIPTS FOR WATER PIPES IN 1856.

Receipts for water pipes to Aug.

16, 1856, \$9,541 10

Do. do. from Au-

gust 16th to Nov. 18th, 13,506 70

Total receipts to Nov. 18,	23,047 80
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Cash received by City Solicitor

from May 13, 1856 to date,	12,000 00
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There may be expected from water pipes already
 laid about \$37,500, as that amount is now due, or will
 fall due within the next three months.

PIPES LAID FROM JANUARY TO JULY, 1856.

STREETS.	LOCATION.	SIZE.	FEET.	FEET.	FEET.
Pritchett,	Bet. 13th and Broad,	3	362	362	
Clymer,	" 13th and Campbell,	4	170		
Parker,	" Adams and Cumberland,	-	398	2,247	
Gold,	" Brown and Duke,	-	232		
Swain,	" 16th and 17th,	-	445		
Washington,	" Master and Jefferson.	-	445		
Pleasant,	Attachment to Fire Plugs,	-	133		
	Bet. 10th and Ridge avenue,	-	424		
Fifteenth,	" Carpenter and Christian,	6	370		
Franklin,	" Eighth and Beaulah,	-	285		
Lemon,	" Wood and York,	-	774		
Adam,	" Frankford and Parker,	-	222		
Maple,	" Richmond and Brown,	-	487		
Brown,	" Gold and Maple,	-	235		
Vinyard,	" 19th and Ridge avenue,	-	764	3,471	
Poplar,	" 20th and 21st,	-	325		
Cohocksink bridge	Attachment on Green street,	-	9	24	6,104
	Bet. 1st and 2nd street,	10	24		

PIPES LAID FROM JULY TO NOVEMBER, 1856.

STREETS.	LOCATION.	SIZE.	FEET.	FEET.	FEET.
Anita,	West from 12th,	3	333	3,296	
Dorrance,	Bet. Carpenter and Prime,	-	414		
Ward,	" " "	-	414		
Bedford,	" 19th and 20th,	-	464		
Holly,	" Fitzwater and Catharine,	-	355		
Meredith,	" Beach and Bank,	-	747		
Bradford's Alley,		-	308		
Letitia,		-	261		
Lewis, Dickers on Brinton,	Attachment to Fire Plugs,	4	249		
	Bet. 6th and 7th,	-	459		
	" " "	-	445		
	East of 8th,	-	229	1,382	

PIPES LAID FROM JULY TO NOVEMBER, 1856.

STREETS.	LOCATION.	SIZE.	FEET.	FEET.	FEET.
	Amount brought forward,		1,382		3,296
	Attachments to Fire Plugs,	4	299		
Girard avenue,	Bet. 6th and 7th, both sides,	-	860		
Girard avenue,	" 7th and 10th " "	-	1,244		
Thompson,	" 12th and 13th " "	-	898		
Sixth,	" Montgomery & Germant'n R	-	1,708		
Clinton,	" Girard avenue & Thompson,	-	537		
Margaret,	" " " Poplar,	-	612		
Centre,	" 21st and 22d,	-	430		
Virginia,	" 22d and 23d,	-	373		
Swain,	" 15th and 16th,	-	448		
Lewis,	" Thompson and Master,	-	460		
	Attachments to Fire Plugs,	-	294		
Baring,	Bet. 35th and 36th,	4	385		
	Attachments to Fire Plugs,	-	115		
				10,045	
Mervine,	Bet. Oxford and Columbia,	6	470		
Franklin,	North of Jefferson,	-	95		
Marshall,	" Oxford,	-	165		
Ann,	Bet. Ridge avenue and 19th,	-	1,131		
Girard avenue,	" " " "	-	258		
Washington,	" 15th and 16th,	-	449		
Ridge avenue,	" Poplar and Girard avenue,	-	635		
Girard "	" 19th and Corinthian av'e,	-	807		
Franklin,	" Girard avenue & Thompson	-	518		
Twenty-first,	" Spring Garden and Coates,	-	1,224		
Poplar,	" 19th and 20th,	-	421		
Sixteenth,	" Coates and Ridge avenue,	-	710		
Fifteenth,	" " " "	-	282		
Twentieth,	" Brown and Parrish,	-	395		
Wood,	" Sixth and Eighth,	-	1,000		
Fifth,	" Mifflin and Snyder,	-	878		
Franklin.	" Front and Jefferson avenue,	-	1,014		
Franklin,	" 8th and 9th,	-	426		
Broad,	" Pine and South,	-	710		
Eighteenth,	" Shippen and Prime,	-	1,783		
Carpenter,	" 18th and 19th,	-	430		
Nineteenth,	Bet. South and Shippen,	6	318		
Shippen,	" 19th and west of 20th,	-	511		
Fitzwater,	" 17th and 19th,	-	673		
Seventeenth,	" Fitzwater and Catharine,	-	350		
Pine,	" 22d and 23rd,	-	312		
Southerland,	South Naval Asylum,	-	222		
Passyunk Road,	Bet. South and Reed streets,	-	1,933		
Cherry,	East of 21st.	-	272		
				18,392	13,341

PIPES LAID FROM JULY TO NOVEMBER, 1856.

STREETS,	LOCATION.	SIZE.	FEET.	FEET.	FEET.
	Amount brought forward,		18392		13,341
Broad,	Bet. Spruce & Locust, east side,	6	450		
Mansion,	" Chestnut and Oak,	-	268		
Oak,	" Mansion and Bridgewater,	-	1,081		
Bridgewater,	" Oak and Market,	-	296		
Eagle,	" Lexington and Oneida,	-	938		
Lexington,	" Huron and Haverford Road,	-	1,138		
Chestnut avenue,	" Walnut and Church,	-	723		
Coral,	" Cumberland and Adams,	-	386		
Delaware avenue,	" Callowhill and Poplar,	-	1,865		
Fifth,	" Diamond and Wood,	-	612		
Fifth,	" Norris and Wagner,	-	429		
Amber,	" Wood and York,	-	807		
Emerald,	North of Huntingdon to Lehigh av	-	648		
Somerset,	Bet. West and William.	-	585		
Brown,	" Somerset and William,	-	602		
Amber,	Bet. Norris and Wood,	-	751		
	West of Somerset,	-	582		
Clinton,	Bet. Putnam and Montgomery,	-	194		
Fifth,	" Buttonwood & Old York R'd	-	303		
Chestnut,	" Woodland and Mansion,	8	630		31,050
	To make connections,	10	17		630
					17
					45,038

PIPES ORDERED TO BE LAID.

STREETS.	LOCATION.	SIZE.	FEET.	FEET.	FEET.
Prosperous Alley,	Gæffrey's avenue, west,	3	188	1856	
Cooper,	Bet. 20th and Dixey,	-	160		
Dixey,	" Locust and Cooper,	-	97		
Orange,	" 11th and 12th,	-	420		
Jessup,	" Fitzwater and Catharine,	-	370		
Doak,	South from Shippen,	-	265		
Wyoming,	Bet. Shippen and Fitzwater,	-	356		
Cuba,	" Moore and Morris	4	428		
Marshall,	" 4th and 5th,	-	448		
Eleventh,	" Fitzwater and Catharine	-	370		
	Connections to Fire-plugs,	-	187	5020	
Orr,	Bet. Francis and Ann,	-	380		
Pratt,	" 22d and 23d	-	338		
	Attachments to Fire-plugs,	-	78		
Meredith,	Bet. William and Nixon,	-	437		
Thompson,	" 9th and 10th,	-	846		
Lex,	" 15th and 17th,	-	898		
Whitehall,	" 12th and 13th.	-	448		
	Attachments to Fire-plugs,	-	162		
Oxford,	Bet. Mervine and 12th,	6	200	1843	
Oxford,	" 12th and 13th,	-	376		
Marshall,	North of Oxford	-	767		
Brown,	Bet. Ridge avenue and 16th,	6	400		
Brown,	" 16th and Francis,	-	555		
Francis,	" Ridge avenue and 18th,	-	1000		
Poplar,	" 19th and Grape,	-	274		
Spring Garden,	" 23d and 24th,	-	452		
Twenty-third.	" Green and Penn avenue,	-	463		
Hamilton,	" 23d and William,	-	454		
Bridge,	" East 33d & Penna. avenue,	-	505		
Crammon,	" Market and Oak,	-	295		
Howard,	" York and Cumberland av.	-	575		
Aramingo,	" Frankford road & Sepriva,	-	635		
Tulip,	" Dauphin and York,	-	401		
Almond,	" Lehigh av. & Reading R. R.	-	450		
Fifth,	" Susquehanna av. & York st.,	-	1132		
Amber,	" York and Adams,	-	394		
Norris,	" 6th and 10th,	-	1780		
Carpenter,	" Broad and 18th,	-	1750		
Mifflin,	" Front and Church,	-	263		

PIPES ORDERED TO BE LAID.

STREETS.	LOCATION.	SIZE.	FEET.	FEET.	FEET.
Moore, Christian, South,	Bet. Fourth and Cuba,	6	150		
	" 17th and 18th,	-	497		
	" West & Southerland avenue.	-	369		
	Balance on Passyunk Road,	-	1630	15,867	

RECAPITULATION.

PIPES ORDERED TO BE LAID.

3 Inch,	. . . . .	1856 feet.
4 " . . . . .	. . . . .	5020 "
6 " . . . . .	. . . . .	15,867 "
		<hr/> 22,743

APPENDIX No. 11.

DEPARTMENT OF CITY PROPERTY, }
 PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 27, 1856. }

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—By an Ordinance approved November 8, 1856, the Commissioner of City Property is authorized and directed to have removed from the City Burial Ground, the bodies buried there, to the Alms-house ground, appropriating five hundred dollars (\$500) for that purpose. In proceeding to a performance of that duty, I find that the expense of such a work will cost much more than that sum; there are eleven thousand and eighty square yds. in the ground, which at a cost of twenty-five cents a yard, to have dug cellar or eight feet deep, will amount to two thousand seven hundred and seventy dollars, (\$2,770,) I understand this to be about the cost of such a removal as that contemplated by the Ordinance.

I therefore respectfully inform the Council of the matter, and ask that a further appropriation be made to enable me to complete the work.

Your obedient servant,

EUGENE AHERN,
 Com. of City Property.

APPENDIX No. 12.

CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE, }
 PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 27, 1856. }

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—In compliance with Ordinances of Councils, creating various sinking funds, for the redemption of the funded debt of the City of Philadel-

phia, I submit the following statement of City Loans, purchased from July 10, 1856, to this date:

Ordinance of January, 24, 1855, North Western Railroad, six per cent. loans of the City of Philadelphia,	\$3,900 00
Net cost of	3,514 00

Ordinance of January 30, 1855. Certain obligations six per cent. loans of the City of Philadelphia,	500 00
Net cost of,	450 00

Ordinance of Jan. 30, 1855, of \$10,000,000 six per cent. loans of the City of Philadelphia,	160 00
Five per cent. loans of the City of Philadelphia,	320 35
	<hr/> \$480 35

Net cost of	<hr/> \$407 18
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Ordinance of March 20, 1855. Gas Works, six per cent. loans of the City of Philadelphia,	\$5,400 00
Net cost of,	4,926 50

Ordinance of August 23, 1855. Road Damages, &c. six per cent. loans of the City of Philadelphia,	\$ 300 00
Net cost of,	270 00

Ordinance of Dec. 11th, 1855. Loan of \$1,000,000 six per cent. loans of the City of Philadelphia,	\$6,600 00
Net cost of,	6,022 50

Ordinance of February 21, 1856. Sunbury and Erie Railroad, six per cent. loan of the City of Philadelphia,	\$4,500 00
Net cost of,	4,106 25

RECAPITULATION.

	AMOUNT.	NET COST.
North Western Railroad,	\$3,900 00	\$3,514 00
Certain obligations,	500 00	450 00
\$10,000,000,	480 35	407 18
Gas Works,	5,400 00	4,926 50
Road Damages, and Telegraph,	300 00	270 00
\$1,000,000, loan,	6,600 00	6,022 50
Sunbury and Erie Railroad,	4,500 00	4,106 25
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	\$21,680 35	\$19,696 43

Very respectfully,

F. KNOX MORTON,
City Treasurer.

APPENDIX No. 13.

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
PHILADELPHIA, NOV. 27, 1856. }

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor herewith to transmit the estimates of the expenses of the several departments, for the ensuing year, as furnished by them to this office.

It will be seen that one of the departments has made no return to this office,—one has returned the total amount required without specifying the items of expense,—and five that are in receipt of revenue have submitted no estimate thereof.

I enclose copies of the circulars, in relation to this subject, transmitted, as per dates, to each of the departments, as also a general statement of the estimated amounts required for the year 1857, and the estimated receipts, as far as received. A statement of the liabilities of each department on the 31st of December, 1856, over the appropriations made for the current

year, will be handed to the chairman of the Finance Committees, as soon as received at this office.

Very respectfully,

S. TAYLOR,
City Controller.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CONTROLLER, }
PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 21, 1856. }

To————

I beg leave respectfully to call your attention to the twenty-third section of the Act of Assembly, approved May 13th, 1856, entitled "A further supplement to the Act Consolidating the City of Philadelphia;" and to request that you will furnish this department with "an estimate of the appropriations that will be required for your department for the ensuing year," in accordance therewith.

Very respectfully,

S. TAYLOR,
City Controller.

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 6, 1856. }

DEAR SIR :

In the Circular I had the honor to address to your department, dated the 21st ult. requesting you to furnish this department with an estimate of the appropriations that would be required for the ensuing year, I omitted to ask that said estimate be made in detail; and to ask at the same time, for an estimate, in like detail, of the receipts of your department for the same period. These omissions arose from the fact that I presumed the usual course in the premises would be followed by each of the departments.

I find, however, from some of the returns already received—wherein the estimate of expenses is given in gross, and no estimate is made as to the receipts for the year, that the object of said Circular has, perhaps been misconceived. Therefore, lest the matter may be further misunderstood, I beg to state that the Com-

mittees of Finance, of the City Councils, will require an estimate of *each item* of the expense of your department, for the ensuing year, and an estimate of the revenue which may be expected from it, with the *sources* from whence said revenue will be derived.

Very respectfully,

S. TAYLOR,
City Controller.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CONTROLLER, }
PHIADELPHIA, Nov. 19th, 1856. }

At the instance of the Finance Committees of the Select and Common Councils, in addition to the information asked for in my circular of the 6th inst., relative to the estimates of the receipts and expenses of your department for the ensuing year, I respectfully request of you a statement of the debts which will be due and chargeable against your department on the 1st of January next, over the appropriations made for expenses of the present year, and debts contracted previous thereto; and any other information that will enable those Committees to act understandingly in making up the appropriation for the expenses of your department.

Your early attention to this will facilitate the labors of said Committees, and oblige,

Very respectfully, yours, &c.,

S. TAYLOR,
City Controller.

Estimated expenses and receipts of the several Departments and Institutions, for the year 1857, and the amount required to pay debts contracted prior to December 31st, 1856, so far as the same have been received at the Office of the City Controller.

	ESTIMATED EXPENSES.	ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.
Dep't of Highways, - - -	\$ 400,000 00	\$24,280 00
“ Police, &c., (no details given,) -	406,060 00	
“ City Property, - - -	73,601 00	21,681 00
“ City Commissioners. Expenses proper, - \$138,800 00		
Expenses special, 41,692 00		
	180,492 00	
“ Market Houses, - - -	11,683 70	70,391 00
“ Wharves and Landings, - - -	10,932 17	51,481 00
“ Supplying Water, - - -	181,400 00	
“ Law, - - - -	17,480 00	
“ Surveys, - - - -	40,000 00	
“ Fire, - - - -	42,925 00	
“ City Controller. Expenses pro- per, - \$12,800 00		
Expenses special, 533 33		
	13,333 33	
“ City Treasurer. Expenses pro- per, - \$ 10,750 00		
Loans, Interest, Sinking Fund, &c. 1,424,713 67		
	1,435,463 67	444,880 00
“ Receiver of Taxes, - - -	29,660 00	
“ Clerks of Councils, - - -	30,000 00	
“ Controllers of Public Schools, (Printed Report,) - - -	685,678 00	30,500 00
Board of Health, expenses of '57, \$52,592 00		(State,
“ “ debts of 1856, 6,000 00		
	58,592 00	15,675 00
Guardians of the Poor, (no returns rec'd.)		
Inspectors of the Prison. County Prison, \$73,076 00		
Debtor's apartment, - 1,850 00		
	74,926 00	7,500 00
Trustees of the City Ice Boat, - - -	18,000 00	
*License to Pawnbrokers, - - -		2,500
*License to sell Gunpowder, - - -		300
*Fines and Penalties, - - -		5,700
Dep't Lighting the City with Gas, -	233,000 00	

* Estimates made by the City Controller, based upon the receipts of 1856, from same sources.

APPENDIX No. 14.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an Ordinance from Select Council, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay certain claims against the City," respectfully report the same as committed, and ask its passage.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
ABM. BAKER,
JOSHUA T. OWEN,
THOS. CRAVEN.

Dec. 4, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to pay certain claims against the City.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of four thousand, one hundred and fifty-two dollars and one cent, be and the same is hereby appropriated for the following purposes, namely:

1. To pay Thomas Ryan, for work on Thompson street Culvert, - - \$1,489 95
To pay Thomas S. Blackburn, for work on Thompson street Culvert, - 1,053 50
To pay Thomas S. Davis, for work on Thompson street Culvert, - - 560 00

Provided, That the said sums shall be received as in full for the entire claim of the said Ryan, Blackburn and Davis, for work done or materials furnished for the said Thompson street Culvert.

2. To pay Joshua Spering for conveyancing, \$127 00

Provided, That all the papers in his possession, necessary to the completion of the title to the lot at the south-west corner of Ninth and Locust streets, in the City, shall be first deposited with the City Solicitor.

3. To pay Geo. F. Goodman, Superintendent of the Girard Estate, - - - \$232 80
Being the amount of rent collected by the City Solicitor for the Girard Estate, and paid to the City Treasurer to the credit of the City.
4. To pay Mary Ann Kirk for orders issued by the late district of Richmond and now held by her, - - - \$ 98 01
5. To pay Henry D. Lentz & Co., for Coal, 393 75
6. " Robert McCally, Police Officer, 20 00
7. " George Cubbler for damages done to his property by the bursting of water main on Poplar street, between 24th and 25th streets, - - 177 00

Provided, Said amount is received by said Geo. Cubbler in full satisfaction for damages done to his property by the bursting of the water main on Poplar street.

APPENDIX No. 15.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred a resolution from Select Council accepting the sureties of P. M. McDonough, Supervisor of Third District, report the same as committed, and recommend concurrence.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
ABM. BAKER,
JOSHUA T. OWEN,
THOS. CRAVEN.

Dec. 4, 1856.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That James McFillen and Charles McDonough be accepted as the sureties of Patrick McDonough, Supervisor of the Third District, and that the Solicitor be requested to secure the requisite bond and have the same entered of record.

APPENDIX No. 16.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred the bill No. 10, Common Council file, to make an appropriation, to the department of Highways, Bridges, and Sewers, and Cleansing the City, to pay certain road damages, partly in certificates of City Debt, and partly in money, beg leave respectfully to report the same as committed, and recommend its passage.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
ABM. BAKER,
JOSHUA T. OWEN,
THOS. CRAVEN.

Dec. 4, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 17.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred a bill from T. Hawksworth, of five hundred and eighty dollars, for printing, respectfully report, That the printing was done without any authority of law. Your Committee offer the following resolution and ask its adoption.

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
ABRAHAM BAKER,
JOSHUA T. OWEN,
THOS. CRAVEN.

Dec. 4, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 18.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred an application from the City Treasurer, to transfer a certain item of appropriation, report the following resolution, and ask its adoption.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
ABRAHAM BAKER,
JOSHUA T. OWEN,
THOS. CRAVEN.

Dec. 4, 1856.

RESOLUTION

To direct the City Controller to make a transfer in the annual appropriation, made for the year one thousand, eight hundred and fifty-six, to the department of the City Treasurer.

Resolved, That the City Controller be, and he is hereby authorized to make the following transfer, in the annual appropriation for the year one thousand, eight hundred and fifty-six, to the department of the City Treasurer, to wit: the sum of five hundred dollars from item No. 3, for temporary clerk hire, for books, stationery, and printing sterling transfer bonds, to item No. 4, for fuel and other expenses.

APPENDIX No. 19.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Highways, &c., have considered the resolution offered in Common Council, October 23d, relative to paving Noble, Green and Coates streets, in the Eleventh Ward, and the petition for paving Cuba street, in the First Ward, and thereupon

submit the following resolution, and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
THOS. J. ROBERTS,
J. G. SORVER,
WM. ELLIOTT,
JOHN M. FORD.

Dec. 4, 1856.

RESOLUTION

To authorize the paving of Thompson street, in the Twentieth Ward; Noble, Green and Coates streets, in the Eleventh Ward; and Morris and Cuba streets in the First Ward.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the owners of property, or a majority thereof, fronting on Thompson street, in the Twentieth Ward; on Noble street, Green street, and Coates street, from Washington avenue to Delaware avenue, in the Eleventh Ward; and on Cuba street, from Morris street to Moore street, in the First Ward, are hereby authorized to pave the same. *Provided*, That the City shall be at no expense therefor, except for paving in front of its own property and for the intersections; and the contractor doing the said paving, shall enter into an obligation to keep the said streets in good repair, at his own cost and expense, for the space of one year after the said paving is finished and completed.

APPENDIX No. 20.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Highways, &c., have considered the petition for opening Fifth street, from Chatham

street southward into the Germantown road, and have viewed the ground, through and over which it will pass, report, That Fifth street, should it ever be opened, will intersect the Germantown road at a very acute angle, and will injure and damage a large amount of property fronting upon and adjacent to the said road.

The distance from Fifth street to the Germantown road, along Chatham street, does not appear to be more than one hundred feet; and the Committee are of the opinion that the damages that would have to be paid for opening Fifth street, would greatly exceed the value of the advantages to arise from the avoidance of so short an angle as one hundred feet. They therefore submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
J. G. SERVER,
WM. ELLIOTT,
JOHN M. FORD.

Dec. 4, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 21.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Highways, &c., have had under consideration the petition asking for the opening of Diamond street, from Sixth street to Broad street, in the Twentieth and Twenty-first Wards; and also the resolution directing notice to be given of the opening of Broad street, from its intersection with Germantown road northward to Nicetown lane, in the Twenty-third Ward, both of which were referred to them at the last stated meeting of Councils, and thereupon they report, That nothing has been presented to the Committee, in either case, showing the course of the streets, the

quantity or value of the ground to be taken, or the amount of damages that will probably be incurred by the opening; and the time of the Committee being so closely occupied by the ordinary and legitimate business of Councils, that they have not the time to devote to procuring or even hearing information necessary to secure enlightened and intelligent action upon the subject of opening streets.

Upon certain petitions to open Spruce street and Fifty-second street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, your Committee made a report some months ago, giving at some length the reasons that prompted them to make an adverse report in those cases; to which report and reasons the petitioners in this case are respectfully referred.

The Committee therefore submit the following resolution and recommend its adoption.

Resolved, That the Committee on Highways be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions for opening Diamond street, in the Twentieth and Twenty-first Wards, and Broad street in the Twenty-third Ward, and the petitioners be recommended to adopt and pursue the usual proceedings in Court for the purpose.

Respectfully submitted by

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
J. G. SORVER,
WM. ELLIOTT,
JOHN M. FORD.

Dec. 4, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 22.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Highways, &c., recommend the adoption of the within resolution.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the sum of six thou-

sand dollars, being a portion of item 3, for grading streets, appropriated by the ordinance approved 28th of March, 1856, be transferred as follows: to item 4, for repairing roads, three thousand dollars; and to item 9, for cleansing and repairing unpaved streets, three thousand dollars.

AND. MILLER, *Chairman*,
J. G. SORVER,
JOHN M. FORD,
WM. ELLIOTT,
THOMAS J. ROBERTS.

Dec. 4, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 23.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS,

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Highways, &c., have had under consideration the within communication from the Chief Commissioner of Highways, and the annexed communication from Edward Olmsted, Esq., counsel for Lane Schofield, wherein is expressed the desire of said Schofield to surrender his contract for cleansing the Fourth District of the City.

And after a full consideration of the subject, the Committee are of the opinion that the public interests would be promoted by allowing Mr. Schofield to surrender the said contract.

They therefore submit the annexed resolution, and ask its adoption.

AND. MILLER, *Chairman*,
J. G. SORVER,
JOHN M. FORD,
WM. ELLIOTT,
THOS. J. ROBERTS.

Dec. 4, 1856.

RESOLUTION

To permit Lane Schofield to transfer his contract for cleansing the Fourth District.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways is hereby authorized to permit Lane Schofield to transfer his contract for cleansing the Fourth District of the City, to Samuel Ovenshine & Co., or to any other responsible parties or persons: and when such transferees have entered good and sufficient security, for the faithful performance of the said contract, then the said Chief Commissioner may release and annul the surety bond, entered into by the said Lane Schofield.

PHILADELPHIA, NOV. 13, 1856.

John McCarthy, Esq., Chief Commissioner of Highways.

SIR:—I am instructed by Mr. Lane Schofield, the contractor for cleansing the Fifth and Sixth Wards of the City, to inform you that it is his desire to have the consent of the corporation to the cancellation of his said contract, such cancellation to take effect on the 26th of November next.

Mr. Schofield is constrained to make this application among other things, by the fact that he is unable to obtain from the City, payment, in money, of the sums which, by the terms of his contract, he is entitled to receive.

It is declared that Mr. Schofield does not hereby waive any claim he has, or may have against the corporation, for any sum now due, or to grow due to him by virtue of his said contract.

I am yours respectfully,

EDWARD OLMSTED.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HIGHWAYS. }
 PHILADELPHIA, NOV. 15, 1856. }

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The enclosed communication from Edward Olmsted, Esq., Attorney of Lane Schofield, asking that the contract between said Schofield and the City, for the cleansing of the Fourth District, embracing the Fifth and Sixth Wards, may be cancelled, is respectfully submitted to your consideration.

Your immediate action is respectfully solicited in the matter, as I have no hesitation in declaring that the interests of the City, as well as the health and comfort of the citizens, would be promoted by the immediate cancellation of the contract.

Respectfully yours,

J. McCARTHY,
 Chief Com. of Highways.

APPENDIX No. 24.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Highways, &c., have had under consideration the petitions numerously signed, asking that Franklin avenue and Norris street in the Eighteenth Ward, at the approaches to the bridge over the Gunners' Run Canal, may be graded, and a portion of the Committee have visited the locality, and thereupon they report, That Franklin avenue begins at Sixth street, opposite to Girard avenue, and extends eastward on a line parallel with the east and west streets of the City to Frankford road, from whence it takes a north-easterly course, on a line parallel with the Delaware river, to the Gunners' Run Canal, where it intersects Norris street, nearly at a right angle, at about the distance of

three hundred feet from Richmond street, which is the most important street of the Nineteenth Ward, from its connection with Girard avenue, and its width of one hundred and twenty feet, it is destined to become an important and valuable thoroughfare.

Market houses are erected on several squares of it, and it is paved throughout its whole length, except about four or five hundred feet at its north-eastern end.

The bridge over the Gunners' Run Canal was erected under the authority of Councils, during the year 1855, and the Highway department was about to proceed to grade the streets, on both sides, so as to render it accessible, when the ordinance of the 17th of May of the present year, was passed, which put a stop to all grading, except by order of Councils. And the bridge, although it has been finished for nearly if not quite a year, remains utterly useless, and its timbers are exposed and decaying.

The Committee consider it of the utmost importance that the grading asked for by the petitioners should be done, and the bridge put in use, as soon as is reasonably practicable, and the winter season, if the frost is not too heavy, is a favorable time for doing such work.

Franklin avenue as it approaches the Canal, is divided so that one portion of it passes down to the Canal wharf, and the other up over the bridge; and a permanent stone wall will be required on the line separating these two parts.

The Committee therefore submit the following resolutions and recommend their adoption.

Respectfully submitted.

AND. MILLER, *Chairman*,
J. G. SORVER,
JOHN M. FORD,
THOS. J. ROBERTS,
ALFRED CREASE.

Dec. 4, 1856.

RESOLUTION

To authorize the grading of Franklin avenue and Norris street, at the ends of the bridge over the Gunners' Run Canal, and the erection of a wall thereat.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia. That the Highway department is hereby authorized to contract with a competent stone mason, for the erection of a stone wall on Franklin avenue, at the end of the bridge over the Gunners' Run Canal; said wall to be of such dimensions and thickness as the Chief Engineer and Surveyor, and the Chief Commissioner of Highways may fix and determine.

Resolved, That the department of Highways is also authorized to enter into a contract for the grading of Norris street at both ends of said bridge, so as to make the same passable by horses and vehicles, said contracts in both cases to be made with the lowest responsible bidders, and to be approved by Councils before the same are binding on the City.

APPENDIX No. 25.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Highways, &c., having had under consideration the petition of owners of property upon Crease's lane, in the Twenty-first Ward, respectfully report, That the said lane is a public Highway, extending eastwardly from the Ridge turnpike to Livezey's Mill road, and thence by said road to the Wissahiccon turnpike; that the bridge which the petitioners ask to be repaired and made safe, is an old township structure across a small stream emptying into the Wissahiccon, called Powder Mill Run; that the said bridge was originally erected about twenty years since, and has been, at different periods, raised to its present height, about six feet above the ordinary

surface of the stream, that the abutments, from various causes, have been undermined and forced out of place, and the guard or wing walls thrown down by the heavy rains of August last, and that the whole, or greater part thereof, will need rebuilding; the Committee therefore recommend that the said bridge be rebuilt, with the necessary guard walls, and that the grade of the hill to the eastward of the same, be so modified as to prevent the accumulation of so large a body of water upon the same, and accordingly submit the annexed resolution.

ALFRED CREASE, *Chairman*,
ANDREW MILLER,
J. G. SORVER,
JOHN M. FORD,
THOS. J. ROBERTS.

Dec. 4, 1856.

RESOLUTION

To authorize the repair of a bridge on Crease's lane, in the upper part of the Twenty-first Ward.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways be authorized to rebuild the bridge across Powder Mill Run, on Crease's lane, in the Twenty-first Ward; and so to alter and improve the grade of said lane, as to prevent the accumulation of water thereon, and to expend on the said work, not exceeding the sum of eight hundred dollars.

APPENDIX No. 26.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Highways, &c., have considered the within bill, entitled "An Ordinance relating to Building permits, Hackney Coaches, Omnibusses, &c.," passed by Select Council, on the 7th of August

last, and report the same without amendment, and with the recommendation that it be negatived.

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
J. G. SORVER,
WM. ELLIOTT,
JOHN M. FORD.

Dec. 4, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 27.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Highways, &c., have considered the following resolution, passed by Select Council on the 25th of September, authorizing the grading of Chelton avenue, from Wayne avenue to Wissahickon street, in the Twenty-second Ward, and have visited the locality, and examined the ground, and are of the opinion that inasmuch as the grading of Chelton avenue, from the Main street turnpike to the Wayne avenue plank road, has been hitherto authorized, and is now nearly completed; and as Wissahickon street or Township Line road, is generally unfit for travel during the winter season, the further grading of Chelton avenue may be postponed until next season, without detriment to the public interests, and they therefore recommend that the resolution be not concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
THOS. J. ROBERTS,
J. G. SORVER,
WM. ELLIOTT,
JOHN M. FORD.

Dec. 4, 1856.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Board of Commissioners of Highways, be, and they are hereby directed

to complete the grading of Chelton avenue, from Wayne avenue to Wissahickon street.

APPENDIX No. 28.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Highways, &c., have considered the petition asking for an ordinance narrowing the footways on Sharpnack street, in the Twenty-second Ward, and have viewed the street.

The petitioners seem to be of the opinion that if the footways are not reduced in width, they will be obliged to cut down their shade trees, planted in front of their houses; but this will not be the case. The curbstone can be set on the usual line, and the trees being some two or three feet inside of the curb, can remain until the public convenience requires them to be taken away, which will probably not be for many years.

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
J. G. SORVER,
WM. ELLIOTT,
JOHN M. FORD.

Dec. 4, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 29.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Highways, &c., to whom was referred an ordinance, passed by Select Council on the 28th of August last, appropriating the sum of eighteen hundred dollars, to pay Messrs. Burr & Thomas for the construction of a portion of a culvert on Huntingdon street, in the Nineteenth Ward, have

had the same under consideration, and thereupon they report, That soon after the ordinance was referred to them, a portion of the Committee proceeded to examine the work and the locality, and to report upon the necessity of constructing the culvert.

And the Committee further required of the parties claiming the money, that they should furnish copies of the contract or the papers authorizing them to proceed with the work, and in pursuance of this request there was presented to the Committee, the papers marked A, B, C, and D, hereunto annexed.

The first in order of date is an extract from the proceedings of the Board of Commissioners of the District of Richmond, at a meeting held March 8, 1854, setting forth that "on motion of Messrs. Martin & Murphy, Messrs. Gordon & Cummiskey were authorized to build culverts east and west of the Canal on Huntingdon street, for the purpose of enabling the contractor to proceed with the building of a bridge at that street, which after being amended to read that the price for building 10 foot culvert shall not exceed nine dollars, is recorded as having been unanimously adopted.

The next paper in the order of time, (marked B,) bears date "District of Richmond, May 8, 1854." It appears to be from three gentlemen styling themselves "Committee on Culverts," is addressed to Messrs. Gordon & Co., and authorizes them "as by resolution passed by the Board of Commissioners of the District of Richmond, on the 8th inst., to proceed and construct all culverts and inlets on either side of Gunners' Run Canal, within the limits of said District, connected with the bridges now constructing by said District, as may be directed by the Surveyor."

This order of the Committee refers to a resolution passed by the board of Commissioners on the 8th inst., meaning the 8th of May, but the resolution referred to appears to have been passed on the 8th of March. But if the resolution of the 8th of March was intended, and supposing the order of the Committee and the resolution are both valid and binding on the City, tak-

ing them both together, all the authority they confer upon Gordon & Co., is to build culverts on either side of the Gunners' Run Canal, at or on Huntingdon street, for the purpose of enabling the contractor to proceed with the building of a bridge at that street.

This authority, even if we admit its legality, was only to construct a circle for the mouth of a culvert in the abutment of the bridge, and, perhaps, for some few feet into the street, between the wing walls; and it would be unfair to construe it to authorize any extensive construction, for enough work only was to be done to enable the contractors to proceed with the building of a bridge at that street.

The next paper presented by the claimants in order of date, is a copy of a resolution, (marked C,) purporting to have been adopted by the Committee of Highways on the 13th of August, 1855, "That the Chief Commissioner be directed to notify Messrs. Gordon & Co., to proceed to construct the culvert on Huntingdon street, from the bridge to Lemon street, and make connection with the culvert on Cedar street: *Provided*, They agree that the same shall be a final closing of their contract with the late District of Richmond.

As has been seen, all the contract Gordon & Co. had with the District of Richmond, was to build culverts on each side of the Canal at Huntingdon street, so as to enable the contractors to proceed with the building of the bridge, not more than one thousand dollars worth of work at the utmost, and under a contract too, made at a time when prohibited and forbidden by the Consolidation law. And in order to obtain a surrender of this worthless contract, for a trifling amount of work, the Committee attempt to give Gordon & Co., authority to construct two culverts that will cost in the aggregate at least twelve thousand dollars.

Fortunately for the City Treasury, the supplement to the Consolidation law had been passed and was in full force at the time of the passage of the resolution referred to, the twentieth section of which declares "That no contract for the construction of any new

Building, *Culvert*, &c., shall become binding on the City without an ordinance therefor, duly enacted; and no contract shall be made by the head of any department, for work or materials for the City, unless for objects authorized by Councils."

This resolution of the Committee is therefore in no way binding upon the City, and the contractors cannot lawfully claim any compensation for any work done or materials furnished under it.

The next paper presented by the claimants, (hereto annexed, marked D,) is a copy of what purports to be an agreement, bearing date August 21, 1855, signed by Joseph Gordon, John Commiskey, and Peter Smith, wherein they agree to construct the culvert on Huntingdon street, at nine dollars per foot, and that on Cedar street at eight dollars per foot; but there is nothing upon the face of this paper to show that the agreement was ever entered into on the part of the City, and even if there was, it would be of no value, for, as has been shown, there was no authority vested in any officer to make it.

Immediately at the abutment of the bridge, there is a space of say twenty feet of the culvert, that is open and unfinished. If this was enclosed and covered, there would be about 225 or 230 feet finished and completed, for which the claimants desire to be paid the sum of eighteen hundred dollars. When it is suggested to them that 230 feet of culvert, in an unfinished state, at nine dollars per foot, is scarcely worth eighteen hundred dollars, they reply that they have charged for extra work in putting on a fourteen inch arch, instead of a nine inch one.

The contractors now claiming are Dr. Richard Burr and Benjamin B. Thomas, who claim to have had the contract transferred to them by Gordon & Co., but have not shown to the Committee any copy of the transfer.

They each desire to have the money paid to himself and not to the other. And a brickmaker and bricklayer have claims for work done and materials furnished, which they desire shall be paid to them, and not

to the claimants. Although more than two years and a-half have elapsed since the different parties claim to have had their contract, yet not more than about a seventh part of the work, which they claim the right to do, has been done; and those dwelling along the line of the street, are annoyed by having a mound of earth thrown up before their doors, covering their footways, which has remained so for more than a year.

Under all the circumstances of the case, the Committee are of the opinion that no money should be paid to any one, until the contract or pretended contract, is surrendered. The work was prematurely begun. Ten years hence would have been time enough for it, but as it has been begun, it had better be placed within the hands of some competent and energetic contractors, who, under the authority of Councils, will finish the work at a fair price, and with reasonable and proper speed.

Your committee therefore recommend that whenever the claimants will surrender all pretensions to any contract or claim to do any more work, an estimate shall then be made by competent and disinterested persons of the value of the work now done and the same paid for at its just value.

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
THOMAS J. ROBERTS,
J. G. SORVER,
ALFRED CREASE,
WM. ELLIOTT,
JOHN M. FORD.

Dec. 4, 1856.

“A.”

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTE BOOK OF THE LATE DISTRICT
OF RICHMOND.

Extract from Minutes of March 8, 1854.

On motion of Messrs. Martin and Murphey, Messrs. Gordon & Cummiskey were authorized to build culverts east and west of canal on Huntingdon street, for

the purpose of enabling the contractor to proceed with the building of a bridge at that street.

Mr. Boyle moved to amend by saying that the price for building 10 foot culvert shall not exceed nine dollars per foot. Amendment accepted, and resolution as amended unanimously adopted.

Attest,

CHARLES S. PEALL,
Clerk.

May 14, 1855. (Marked "A" in report of Committee.)

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"B."

DISTRICT OF RICHMOND, }
May 8th, 1854. }

To Messrs. Gordon & Co.

GENTLEMEN:—We, the undersigned Committee on Culverts, hereby authorize you, as by resolution passed by the Board of Commissioners of the District of Richmond, on the 8th inst., to proceed and construct all culverts and inlets on either side of Gunners' Run Canal, within the limits of said District, connected with the bridges now constructing by said District, as may be directed by the Surveyor.

JOHN MCGURK, }
JAMES MARTIN, } Committee on Culverts.
RICH'D MURPHEY }

Copy of the original. (Marked "B" in report of Committee.)

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"C."

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, }
PHILADELPHIA, ——— 185— }

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EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES.

Committee of Highways, August, 13, 1855.

Resolved, That the Chief Commissioner be directed to notify Messrs. Gordon & Co., to proceed to construct the culvert on Huntingdon street, from the bridge to Lemon street, and make connection with the

culvert on Cedar street. *Provided*, They agree that the same shall be a final closing of their contract with the late District of Richmond.

Attest,

H. CLINTON,
Clerk.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 21, 1856.

To Messrs Gordon & Co.,

Above, I hand you a copy of the resolution passed by the Committee on Highways; you can proceed with the work on the terms therein stated.

THOS. BIRCH,
Chief Commissioner of Highways.
(Marked "C" in report of Committee.)

"D."

(COPY OF ORIGINAL.)

The undersigned, James Gordon, John Cummiskey, and Peter Smith, comprising the firm of Gordon & Co., hereby agree and bind ourselves to construct the culvert on Huntingdon street, from the bridge crossing Gunners' Run, to the culvert crossing Lemon street, in accordance with our offer accepted by the Commissioners of the District of Richmond; also to construct the culvert required to connect the present culvert on Cedar street, with the culvert in Huntingdon street, said culverts to be constructed of materials to be approved by the Commissioners of Highways, and the whole work, including excavating and filling in, to be subject to the said Commissioners, or any agent to be appointed by them; and in full payment of the same the said parties hereby agree to receive the sum of nine dollars per foot for the culvert on Huntingdon street, and eight dollars per foot for the culvert on Cedar street; the culvert on Huntingdon street to be ten feet in diameter, in the clear, and the culvert on Cedar street to be eight feet in diameter, in the clear; and they further agree to receive in payment for the

same, bonds of the City of Philadelphia, at their par value.

Witness our hands and seals this twenty-first day of August, A. D. 1855.

Signed, JAS. GORDON,
JOHN CUMMISKEY,
PETER SMITH.

Witness present,

ANDREW HAGUE.

(Marked "D" in report of Committee.)

APPENDIX No. 30.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Highways have considered the petition for opening and grading Chew street, from High street northward to Washington avenue, in the Twenty-second Ward, and have viewed the ground over which it will pass, and thereupon they report, That Chew street is laid down upon the plan of the late Borough of Germantown, distant nearly one mile north-eastward of the Main street, and running parallel, or nearly so, therewith.

So far as the Committee could discern, no portion of it has yet been thrown open for public use, nor does there appear to be any improvements upon the line of it. The portion upon which the opening and grading is asked for, passes over a ravine and through a heavy hill, and it is estimated that the grading petitioned for will cost from five to seven thousand dollars.

And the Committee are of the opinion, that this would be too heavy a sum to expend in a locality so remote from public and private improvements.

They therefore submit the following resolution and recommend its adoption.

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
THOS. J. ROBERTS,
J. G. SORVER,
WM. ELLIOTT,
JOHN M. FORD.

Dec. 4, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 31.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GAS WORKS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Gas Works report the following ordinance, and ask that it be passed.

PIERCE BUTLER, *Chairman*,
JOHN ALEXANDER,
JOHN PORTER,
J. McCLEARY,
SPENCER ROBERTS,
WM. H. JACKSON,
ABM. BAKER.

Dec. 4, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To provide for the erection of additional Gas Lamps.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That new lamps may be erected under the direction of the Committee on Gas, in such places and localities as shall be approved by the Police Committees from Select and Common Councils: *Provided*, That the cost of erecting such lamps shall not exceed four thousand dollars; and together with the lighting of the lamps already in use, shall not exceed the appropriation made by ordinance entitled "An Ordinance providing for lighting, extinguishing, cleansing and repairing the public lamps," approved February 16, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 32.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Police to whom was referred the ordinance from Select Council "To authorize the Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, to surrender possession of certain station houses, and to compromise for the rent thereof, and to make an appropriation therefor," respectfully report the same to Council as committed and recommend its passage.

LEWIS BREMER, *Chairman*,
SAMUEL LINDSAY,
WILLIAM DEAL,
CHARLES MCNEAL,
D. BEVAN,
ROBT. V. BARBER.

Dec. 4, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 33.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON POLICE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Police, to whom was referred the petition of citizens for the erection of a frame building for a place of public worship, in the vicinity of Twenty first and Jefferson streets, in the Twentieth Ward, beg leave respectfully to report adversely to the same, and offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

LEWIS BREMER, *Chairman*,
WILLIAM DEAL,
D. BEVAN,
CHARLES MCNEAL,
SAMUEL LINDSAY,
ROBT. V. BARBER.

Dec. 4, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 34.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRUSTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, respectfully report, That they have had under consideration the petition referred to them from the Union Fire Company of Rising Sun, and have approved of the same and offer the following resolution, and ask its adoption.

Resolved, That services of the Union Fire Company be accepted, and they be admitted into the Fire Department.

W. S. WINSHIP, *Chairman,*
ANDREW J. BAKER,
JOHN WELSH,
CHARLES M. SLOCUM.

Dec. 4, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 35.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF PORT WARDENS, PUBLIC WHARVES
AND LANDINGS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee of Port Wardens, Public Wharves and Landings, to whom was referred the communication of J. E. Harned, Master Warden of the Port of Philadelphia, asking an appropriation to be made to remove a sunken canal boat at the foot of South street on the river Schuylkill, report adversely to the same, for the reason that ample funds are in the treasury of the Wardens to remove the obstruction; and respectfully ask the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the matter.

WM. M. BAIRD, *Chairman*,
WILLIAM C. KELLY,
JOHN McMAKIN,
ALEX. MARTIN,
FRANCIS McMANUS.

Dec. 4, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 36.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PORT WARDENS, PUBLIC WHARVES AND LANDINGS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Port Wardens, Public Wharves and Landings, beg leave to report a bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation for certain paving and grading, and to transfer a certain item of appropriation," and respectfully ask the adoption of the same.

WM. M. BAIRD, *Chairman*,
JOHN McMAKIN,
WILLIAM C. KELLY,
FRANCIS J. BORIE,
FRANCIS McMANUS.

Dec. 4, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation for certain paving and grading, and to transfer a certain item of appropriation.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of nine hundred and eighty-nine dollars and four cents, be, and the same is hereby appropriated to pay the following bills:

To Wm. D. Couzens, three hundred and ten dollars

for material and paving on Delaware at Noble street wharf.

To Isaac Langebartel, two hundred and forty-one dollars and eighty-nine cents, for paving and grading at Coates and Green street wharves.

To Samuel Miller, four hundred and thirty-six dollars and seventy-five cents, for paving Delaware at Coates and Green streets.

SEC. 2. The said appropriation shall be paid out of the item appropriated for repairs of wharves, and for this purpose the sum of one thousand dollars is hereby transferred from the item of appropriation, "cleaning docks," to item of appropriation, "repairing wharves," in ordinance approved March 11, 1856, entitled "An Ordinance to make appropriation for public service of the department of Wharves and Landings, for the year 1856, and to pay certain taxes of the year 1855." And the Commissioner of Market Houses is hereby directed to draw warrants for the payment of said bills.

APPENDIX No. 37.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PORT WARDENS, PUBLIC WHARVES AND LANDINGS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Port Wardens, Public Wharves and Landings, to whom was referred the communication of S. C. Thompson, Commissioner of Markets, under date of November 14th, 1856, addressed to Stephen Taylor, Esq., giving an estimate of the requirements for wharves and landings for 1857, respectfully report, That they have examined the same and have made the following alterations :

	AM'T ASKED FOR.	AM'T REP. BY COM.
For item Cleaning Docks,	\$4,600 00	to \$3,700 00
“ Repairing Wharves and Landings,	- 3,500 00	“ 3,000 00
“ Repaving Wharves,	1,500 00	“ 1,000 00
“ Labor, -	- 100 00	“ 100 00
“ Ground Rents,	279 17	“ 279 17
“ Taxes, -	- 303 00	“ 303 00
“ Advertising, -	150 00	“ 150 00
“ Surveying two Districts,	250 00	
“ Surveying 1st and 2d Districts,		“ 550 00
“ General Map, ordered, not finished, -	- 250 00	“ 250 00
	<hr/> \$10,932 17	<hr/> \$9,332 17

Respectfully submitted.

WM. M. BAIRD, *Chairman*,
JOHN McMAKIN,
WILLIAM C. KELLY,
FRANCIS J. BORIE,
FRANCIS McMANUS.

Dec. 4, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 38.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MARKETS ON THE ESTIMATE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF MARKETS.

OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT OF MARKET HOUSES, }
PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 14, 1856. }

Stephen Taylor, Esq.,

DEAR SIR:—I beg leave to ask the following appropriations, as needed for the department of Market Houses, for 1857:

Commissioner's Salary,	-	-	\$ 900 00
Clerks of Market Houses,	-	-	4,350 00
Repairs of Market Houses,	-	-	4,000 00
Printing, Books, Advertising, Stationery, and Office Expenses,	-	-	\$600
<i>Amount reported by Committee,</i>			300
			<hr/> 300 00
State Tax and Ground Rents,	-	-	1,619 70
“ “ Market Houses, Broad and Race,			214 00
			<hr/> 11,383 70

And the following for Wharves and Landings:—

Cleansing Docks,	-	-	\$4,600 00	
Repairing Wharves and Landings,	-	-	3,500 00	
Repaving Wharves,	-	-	1,500 00	
Labor,	-	-	100 00	
Ground Rents,	-	-	279 17	
Taxes,	-	-	303 00	
Advertising, &c.,	-	-	150 00	
Surveying in part of 1st and 2d Districts,	-	-	250 00	
For general Map, ordered, not finished,	-	-	250 00	
			<hr/> 10,932 17	
				<hr/> 22,315 87

The following are the estimated Receipts for Rents of Wharves and Landings :

Dickenson st. Landing, Del.,	\$ 50	Shackamaxon Landing,	200
Reed, "	100	Marlborough, "	100
Prime, "	600	Hanover street, "	425
Washington, "	400	Palmer, "	625
Christian, "	2,550	Warren "	205
Queen, "	100	Bishop "	130
Catharine, "	325	Cumberland, "	25
Davis, "	100	William street, "	50
Almond "	300	Allegheny av. "	75
South, "	1,200	Bridesburg "	100
Pine, "	600	Bridesburg Creek, "	25
Spruce, "	500	Green Lane, "	10
Dock, "	3,810	Coates street Landing, Schuyl.	150
Walnut, "	1,500	Wood "	150
Chestnut, "	2,100	Vine, (not rented,) "	
Market, "	2,600	Race street Landing Schuyl.,	40
Market, north,	800	Arch "	50
Arch, south,	1,200	Chestnut "	4,580
Arch, "	2,800	Georges "	125
Race, "	2,000	Walnut "	125
Vine, "	2,500	Locust "	25
Callowhill, "	3,550	Spruce "	50
Noble street Landing, Del.,	3,400	Pine "	131
Green, "	3,500	Lombard "	
High and Walnut, "	2,300	South "	50
Coates street, "	3,800	Callowhill (bridge,) "	100
Poplar "	500		
Maiden "	150		\$51,481

The following are the estimated receipts for Rents of Market Houses :

NAMES.	SECTION.	AMOUNT EACH SECTION.	TOTAL.
Wharton Market, - - - -	1	460 00	585 00
do. do. - - - -	2	125 00	
Washington do. - - - -	3	2695 00	5310 00
do. do. - - - -	4	2615 00	

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS FOR RENTS OF MARKET HOUSES.

NAMES.						SECTION.	AMOUNT EACH SECTION.	TOTAL.
Eleventh, Market,	-	-	-	-	-	5	1415 00	2885 00
do. do.	-	-	-	-	-	6	1470 00	
Market do.	-	-	-	-	-	7	3716 00	23371 00
do. do.	-	-	-	-	-	8	4310 00	
do. do.	-	-	-	-	-	9	2638 33	
do. do.	-	-	-	-	-	10	2800 00	
do. do.	-	-	-	-	-	11	3153 33	
do. do.	-	-	-	-	-	12	3770 00	
do. do.	-	-	-	-	-	13	2983 33	
Market street Market, Schuyl.,	-	-	-	-	-	14	1710 00	3675 00
do. do. "	-	-	-	-	-	15	1965 00	
South Second street Market,	-	-	-	-	-	16	3889 00	8452 00
do. do.	-	-	-	-	-	17	4563 00	
Broad street Market, -	-	-	-	-	-	18	89 00	89 00
Race do.	-	-	-	-	-	19	457 50	
North Second street Market,	-	-	-	-	-	20	3353 00	5616 00
do. do. do.	-	-	-	-	-	21	2263 00	
Callowhill street Market, -	-	-	-	-	-	22	167 00	3773 00
do. do.	-	-	-	-	-	23	186 00	
do. do.	-	-	-	-	-	24	774 00	
do. do.	-	-	-	-	-	25	700 00	
do. do.	-	-	-	-	-	26	770 00	
do. do.	-	-	-	-	-	27	476 00	
do. do.	-	-	-	-	-	28	700 00	
Spring Garden do.	-	-	-	-	-	29	732 00	8364 00
do. do.	-	-	-	-	-	30	884 00	
do. do.	-	-	-	-	-	31	932 00	
do. do.	-	-	-	-	-	32	1016 00	
do. do.	-	-	-	-	-	33	1744 00	
do. do.	-	-	-	-	-	34	1680 00	
do. do.	-	-	-	-	-	35	1376 00	
Girard avenue, do.	-	-	-	-	-	36	1205 00	2864 00
do. do.	-	-	-	-	-	37	425 00	
do. do.	-	-	-	-	-	38	605 00	
do. do.	-	-	-	-	-	39	225 00	
do. do.	-	-	-	-	-	40	404 00	

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS FOR RENTS OF MARKET HOUSES.

NAMES.						SECTION.	AMOUNT EACH SECTION.	TOTAL.
Franklin st. Market,	-	-	-	-	-	41	277 00	
do. do.	-	-	-	-	-	42	700 00	
do. do.	-	-	-	-	-	43	185 00	
do. do.	-	-	-	-	-	44	714 00	
do. do.	-	-	-	-	-	45	780 00	
do. do.	-	-	-	-	-	46	923 50	
do. do.	-	-	-	-	-	47	1065 00	4644 50
Beach street	do.	-	-	-	-	48	59 00	59 00
Richmond	do.	-	-	-	-	49	168 00	
do. do.	-	-	-	-	-	51	5 00	173 00
Franklin av., Shackamaxon to Crown st.,						52	63 00	63 00
Franklin av., Shackamaxon to Frankford R.						53	10 00	10 00
								\$70391 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. C. THOMPSON,
Commissioner of Market Houses.

APPENDIX No. 39.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance respectfully report, that there was referred to it the following communication from the City Controller, viz :

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
Philadelphia, October 16, 1856. }

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :—Within the present week there have been presented for my approval, two bills, one from the Pennsylvania Inquirer and one from the Evening Bulletin, each for \$1,135 00, for publishing 2270 squares Extra Assessments; and, as I understand, one or two more of the same tenor and amount are yet to be presented.

The two bills referred to were approved by the Department of the City Commissioners, and were directed to be charged to item 8 of the appropriation made to that Department.

The appropriation to item 8 reads thus:

“For Elections in May, October and				
November,	-	-	-	\$40,000 00
There had been already drawn against				
said item,	-	-	-	29,015 38
Leaving a balance of only,				10,984 62
To pay one Judge and two In-				
spectors for each Election				
Division—192 Divisions—\$7				
each, for two Elections, re-				
quires,	-	-	-	\$8,064 00
Two Clerks for each Division,				
at \$5 each, two Elections,				
requires,	-	-	-	3,840 00

Twenty-four Return Judges, at	
\$2 each, two Elections, re-	
quires, - - - -	96 00
	<hr/> \$12,000 00
Leaving a deficiency in said item 8 of	- \$1,015 38

The above deficiency is exclusive of the amount that will be required to pay for printing and publishing the Sheriff's Proclamations, distributing and collecting ballot boxes, fees of Aldermen for administering oaths and affirmations to Election officers, and many other expenses incident to the two Elections.

I have refused to approve the bills for publishing the Extra Assessments: First, because I did not believe that the appropriation to item 8 contemplated such a charge. Second, because I desired to reserve, if possible, sufficient of the appropriation to pay the election officers for the two elections then approximating.

Having discharged what I conceived to be my duty in the premises, the whole subject is now respectfully referred to the City Councils, in order, if they do not concur with me in opinion, that they may give such directions as in their wisdom may be deemed necessary, and also, that they may make an appropriation to meet the present deficiency, and to pay the bills referred to, as well as others becoming due and chargeable to item 8 of said appropriation.

Very respectfully,

S. TAYLOR,

City Controller.

Since the above communication was received, two other bills of the same character and for the same purpose, have been presented to the Controller for his approval, making in all four bills, as follows:

Evening Bulletin, - - -	\$1135
Pennsylvania Inquirer, - - -	1135
Daily News, - - -	1135
Daily Times, - - -	1135
	<hr/> \$4540

Your Committee having great doubts as to the liability of the City for the payment of these bills, in the absence of authority on the part of any one to incur them, and no provision having been made in any appropriation bill for such an expenditure, referred the subject to the City Solicitor, for his opinion, which was promptly furnished, as follows:

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE, }
Philadelphia, Nov. 27, 1856. }

To the Committee on Finance of Common Council.

GENTLEMEN:—I have received a copy of your resolution requesting my opinion on the question whether the City is liable for the expenses of publishing the extra assessment lists, referred to in the communication made by the City Controller, under date of 16th of October last. The only authority I can find for the publication of these lists, is contained in the fourth section of the Act of 13th of June, 1840, which directs that copies of the alphabetical lists shall be *posted up* within the respective wards, on or before the *20th day of August*, in each year. Sound public policy would seem to require that the additional assessments should also be made public, at least to the same extent as those originally made. But the construction which would apply the direction for posting up the first lists, to extra assessments, not made until the time fixed for posting had expired, and would also include in such direction expensive publication in newspapers, a few days only before the election, seems to me so forced that I cannot adopt it. The power of executive officers to incur expenses, not clearly authorized by law, would be exceedingly dangerous, and I deem it my duty therefore to say that the legality of claims for publishing the extra assessments should not be recognised, unless sanctioned by the decision of a competent judicial tribunal.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. PORTER,
City Solicitor.

Aware that a suit against the City is now pending on a similar bill for printing extra assessments for 1855, the Solicitor was requested to inform the committee as to its progress and present state, and replied as follows:

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE, }
Philadelphia, Dec. 11th, 1856. }

C. V. Hagner, Chairman of Committee on Finance.

SIR:—The case to which you refer is that of Wallace against the City of Philadelphia, brought in the District Court to December term, 1855, No. 1647. The object of the suit was to recover compensation for publishing the extra assessment lists, and if the trial had proceeded, some opinion would by this time have been expressed by that Court, on the question involved. It was, however abandoned in the District Court, and recommenced by the plaintiff, in the Court of Common Pleas, on the 31st of October last, where it is now pending.

Yours, respectfully,

WM. A. PORTER,
City Solicitor.

Under all the circumstances of the case your committee is of opinion that the whole subject should be left for the action of the Courts, and the important point settled, whether or not employees of the City can at pleasure, incur debts on its account, without authority of law, and whether further legislation is necessary on this subject. Your Committee respectfully offer the following resolution, and ask its adoption.

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
ABM. BAKER,
JOSHUA T. OWEN,
THOS. CRAVEN.

Dec. 11, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 40.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred the bill of S. L. Hibbs, report the same back, ask its reference to the Committee on Claims, and offer the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
ABRAHAM BAKER,
JOSHUA T. OWEN,
THOMAS CRAVEN.

Dec. 11, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 41.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred a resolution from Select Council, "To authorize the City Treasurer to appoint two additional clerks for a period of three months," report the same as committed and recommend its adoption.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
ABRAHAM BAKER,
JOSHUA T. OWEN,
THOS. CRAVEN.

Dec. 11, 1856.

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the City Treasurer to employ two additional Clerks for a period not exceeding three months.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to employ two additional

clerks for a period not exceeding three months, and at a rate of salary not exceeding eight hundred and fifty dollars per annum.

APPENDIX No. 42.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred a resolution from Select Council "To authorize the City Controller to appoint an additional clerk," report the same as committed and ask its adoption.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
ABRAHAM BAKER,
JOSHUA T. OWEN,
THOS. CRAVEN.

Dec. 11, 1856.

RESOLUTION

To authorize the City Controller to appoint an additional Clerk.

Resolved, That the City Controller be and he is hereby authorized to appoint, by and with the consent of Select Council, an additional clerk, at a rate of salary of \$800, (eight hundred dollars,) per annum.

APPENDIX No. 43.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia. :

The Committee on Finance, to whom was recommended Ordinance No. 18, Common Council File, "To make an appropriation to pay interest on endorsed warrants," respectfully report in lieu thereof the following Ordinance, and ask its immediate passage, as

it will greatly facilitate investments in the New Loan by parties having a large amount of warrants.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
ABM. BAKER,
JOSHUA T. OWEN,
THOS. CRAVEN.

Dec. 11, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to pay the interest on endorsed warrants and interests and costs on judgments obtained upon warrants.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of forty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to pay the interest accrued or hereafter to accrue on warrants heretofore endorsed by the City Treasurer, and to pay also interest and costs on judgments obtained on City warrants.

SEC. 2. That the resolution of August 23, 1856, entitled "A resolution to provide for the endorsement by the City Treasurer of all warrants on the Treasury, and for the payment of six per cent. interest on such warrants be, and the same is hereby repealed: *Provided*, That this repeal shall not affect the interest accrued or to accrue on warrants endorsed prior to the passage of this ordinance.

APPENDIX No. 44.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolution from Select Council, "To authorize the City Controller to transfer \$100 from item, "Improvement of Lemon Hill Park," to item "Repairs to Wire

Bridge," beg leave to report the same as committed, and recommend its adoption.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
ABM. BAKER,
JOSHUA T. OWEN,
THOS. CRAVEN.

Dec. 11, 1856.

RESOLUTION

To authorize the City Controller to transfer \$100 from Item "Improvement of Lemon Hill Park" to Item "Repairs to Wire Bridge."

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the City Controller be, and he is hereby authorized to transfer the sum of one hundred dollars from the item of appropriation for the improvement of Lemon Hill Park, to the item of appropriation for "Repairs of the Wire Bridge."

APPENDIX No. 45.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance respectfully report the following Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay certain judgments therein named, and ask its passage.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
ABM. BAKER,
JOSHUA T. OWEN,
THOS. CRAVEN.

Dec. 11, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to pay certain judgments.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of eleven hundred dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated to pay and satisfy the judgments, interest and

costs in the following cases, to wit:—Wilson *vs.* The City of Philadelphia, District Court, March Term, 1856, No. 1302. Jeanes *vs.* The City of Philadelphia, September Term, 1856, No. 62. And Hall *vs.* The City of Philadelphia, Common Pleas, September Term, 1855, No. 705.

SEC. 2. Warrants for the payment of the same shall be drawn by the City Treasurer.

APPENDIX No. 46.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WATER WORKS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee on Water Works having had under consideration the Estimates made by the Chief Engineer of the Water Department, hereto annexed, respectfully recommend that there be stricken from item No. 1, the sum of (\$5,000) five thousand dollars.

From item No. 4 the sum of (\$1,000) one thousand dollars.

From item No. 6 the sum of (\$2,000) two thousand dollars.

From item No. 7 the sum of (\$5,000) five thousand dollars. This item your Committee, upon examination of the old pump in connection with the Engineer, think perhaps may be omitted, and the old pump, with care, hold out for the year; and they have therefore withdrawn it. In case any accident happens they will ask for an additional appropriation for that purpose.

From item No. 8 the sum of (\$3,000) three thousand dollars.

Making in all a reduction of sixteen thousand dollars.

Your Committee herewith annex a detailed state-

ment of the estimates. Also, an estimate of the Receipts of this Department for the year 1857.

D. S. HASSINGER, *Chairman*,
 JOS. P. FITLER,
 CHAS. E. LEX,
 B. F. WRIGHT,
 ANDREW J. HOLMAN,
 WM. HORROCKS.

Dec. 11, 1856.

Department for Supplying the City with Water, }
 Philadelphia, December 10, 1856. }

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—Herewith I have the honor to transmit to you, in compliance with your requests made in Committee on the 2d and 8th instant, the details which compose the several items of my estimates for appropriations for this Department for the year 1857.

Very respectfully,
 SAMUEL OGDIN,
 Chief Engineer.

Department for Supplying the City with Water, }
 Philadelphia, December 8, 1856. }

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The following is an abstract of the estimates of the Revenue of the Water Department for the year ending 31st December, 1857.

Receipts from annual Water Rents, as per

Duplicates of 1857, - - - \$381,000 00

Receipts from fractional Water Rents, - 25,000 00

Receipts from Water Pipes. [This estimate is conjectural, the receipts from this source being governed entirely by the amount expended for the same account. The estimated receipts in the present instance are based on the appropriation required, viz: \$70,000, which, if expended, will be nearly all repaid into the Treasury.] - 65,000 00

Total receipt for 1857, \$471,000 00

Very respectfully,
 SAMUEL OGDIN, Chief Engineer

DETAILS COMPOSING ITEM NO. 1—POWER.

Coal.	For Schuylkill Works 3,000 tons, at \$4 30, - - - -	\$12,900 00
	Delaware Works 1,750 tons, at \$4 30, - - - -	7,525 00
	24th Ward Works 300 tons, at \$5, - - - -	1,500 00
	Fairmount Works 70 tons, at \$5, - - - -	350 00
		<u>\$22,275 00</u>
Tallow & Oil.	For Schuylkill Works, - - - -	1,500 00
	Delaware do. - - - -	800 00
	Fairmount do. - - - -	1,000 00
	24th Ward do. - - - -	400 00
	These estimates include oil for lighting the Works. - - - -	<u>3,700 00</u>
Salaries at the Works.	For Schuylkill Works, Engineers, Fireman, &c., - - - -	8,000 00
	Delaware do. do. do. - - - -	4,000 00
	24th Ward do. do. do. - - - -	2,500 00
	Fairmount do. do. do. - - - -	2,000 00
		<u>18,300 00</u>
Wood for all the Works.	for kindling purposes and blowing out Engines, 200 cords, at \$6, - - - -	1,200 00
Packing, Hemp and Gum for all the Pumps and Engines,		1,000 00
Small Stores, Tools, Brooms, Soap, White and Red Lead, &c.,		1,000 00
Repairs for Fairmount Works, labor, lumber and all materials for extraordinary repairs to wheels, gates and breasts, and for ordinary repairs to pumps, &c., - - - -	\$4,000 00	
Repairs for Schuylkill Works, - - - -	2,700 00	
Repairs for Delaware Works, - - - -	1,800 00	
Repairs for 24th Ward Works, - - - -	550 00	
		<u>9,050 00</u>
Total for Power, - - - - -		<u>\$56,525 00</u>

DETAILS COMPOSING ITEM NO. 2—IRON PIPES.

Laying Pipes.	No details for this item can be given other than the following: The appropriation for 1856 was - - - -	\$52,500 00
This has been all expended in executing the orders of Councils, and there are yet unexecuted orders to lay pipe that will cost not less than - - - -	27,000 00	
		<u>\$79,000 00</u>
Upon this state of facts, believing that the demand for water pipes for 1857, will not be much less than the demand for 1856, I based the estimate for 1857 at - - - -		<u>\$70,000 00</u>

DETAILS OF ITEM NO. 2.

Iron Pipes.	40,000 feet 6 inch, at 64 cents, - - - -	\$25,600 00
	16,000 " 4 " 39 " - - - -	6,240 00
	3,000 " 3 " 29 " - - - -	720 00
	1,000 " 8 " 84 " - - - -	840 00
		<u>\$33,550 00</u>
	60,000	

Stop plugs, Stems, Branches, Plugs, &c., for 60,000 feet	
&c. P p, - - - - -	15,000 00
Labor, - - - - -	21,450 00

\$70,000 00

Pay of hands. The hands in Cherry street shop are charged to items 2 and 3— $\frac{2}{3}$ to No. 2 and $\frac{1}{3}$ to No. 3. Drillers are charged upon item No. 3.

FAIRMOUNT WORKS.

Salaries un-der head of Power.	3 Engineers at \$700 each, house rent for one \$100,	- - - - -	\$2,200 00
	1 Watchman,	- - - - -	500 00
			<u>\$2,700 00</u>

DELAWARE WORKS.

2 Engineers, at \$700,	- - - - -	\$1,400 00
2 House rents,	- - - - -	200 00
5 Firemen,	- - - - -	2,310 00
2 Watchmen,	- - - - -	1,000 00
		<u>\$4,910 00</u>

SCHUYLKILL WORKS.

2 Engineers, at \$700,	- - - - -	\$1,400 00
2 Assistant Engineers, at \$4 50,	- - - - -	900 00
10 Firemen,	- - - - -	4,500 00
1 Watchman,	- - - - -	500 00
		<u>\$8,000 00</u>

TWENTY-FOURTH WARD WORKS.

2 Engineers, at \$700,	- - - - -	\$1,400 00
2 House rents, at \$100,	- - - - -	200 00
2 Firemen,	- - - - -	900 00
		<u>\$2,500 00</u>

DETAILS COMPOSING ITEMS NO. 3—DISTRIBUTION, NO. 4—MAINTENANCE, NO. 5—SALARIES.

Distribution. The estimate for this item is based on that for 1856, which is not more than sufficient, viz:

	- - - - -	\$12,400 00
To this has been added, by suggestion of the Watering Committee, for new Fire Plugs in German-town,	- - - - -	1,600 00
		<u>\$14,000 00</u>

Maintenance. This estimate is based upon the fact that the appropriation for 1856 was insufficient

It was for this amount,	- - - - -	5,000 00
During the year a further appropriation was made for this amount,	- - - - -	2,000 00
Both were not more than sufficient,	- - - - -	<u>7,000 00</u>

Salaries. This estimate is composed as follows:

Chief Engineer,	- - - - -	2,500 00
Register,	- - - - -	1,800 00
General Clerk,	- - - - -	1,000 00
Three Permit Clerks, at \$850,	- - - - -	2,550 00
Four Purveyors, at \$650,	- - - - -	2,600 00

Four Inspectors, at \$600,	-	-	-	-	-	2,400 00
Messenger,	-	-	-	-	-	500 00
For usual extra Clerk hire,	-	-	-	-	-	525 00
						<hr/> \$13,875 00

DETAILS OF ITEMS NO 6—INCIDENTALS, NO. 7—NEW PUMP,
NO. 8—RE-PAINTING.

Incidentals. This estimate was based upon that for 1856, which was, - - - - - \$4,000 00
This has been expended, and the details of expenditure are about as follows:

Books, Printing, Blanks, Binding, and Stationery,	-	-	-	-	-	\$3,000 00
Advertising,	-	-	-	-	-	100 00
Fuel for Offices,	-	-	-	-	-	125 00
Posting Bills, Hauling, &c.,	-	-	-	-	-	50 00
Cleaning Offices,	-	-	-	-	-	111 00
Gas Bills,	-	-	-	-	-	27 00
Ground Rent on Shop,	-	-	-	-	-	26 26
Carriage hire for Committees,	-	-	-	-	-	200 00
All other incidentals,	-	-	-	-	-	350 00
						<hr/> 3,999 26

To this add office rent,	-	-	-	-	-	2,000 00
						<hr/> \$6,000 00

New Pumps. The estimate for this is based upon the known cost, - - - - - 5,000 00

Re-painting. The Committee having at its meeting, held December 8th, directed that the estimate for this item should be confined to the railing on the wheel houses, and the hand-rail to the reservoirs at Fairmount; and the railing around the fore-bay, and the roof of the tower at the Schuylkill Works. I have had estimates made for these objects, and place them at - - - - - 1,000 00

PHILADELPHIA, November 18, 1856.

STEPHEN TAYLOR, Esq.,
City Controller.

DEAR SIR:—In reply to a communication from your office, requesting an estimate in detail of appropriations that would be required for the ensuing year, the following is respectfully submitted.

POWER. No. 1.

Which includes the expenses of running all the Works, Fuel, Tallow, Oil, and the ordinary repairs to the machinery; Engines and Pumps; Salaries to Engineers and men at Works and Basins, \$61,525 00

LAYING PIPES. No. 2.

Cost of Iron Pipes, Fire Plugs, Stop Cocks, and other fixtures for laying iron pipes. This item has been increased in consequence of the great demand for iron pipes to be laid, as no street can be paved unless the water pipes have been laid. - - \$70,000 00

DISTRIBUTION. No. 3.

Cost of keeping the pipes, plugs and fixtures in good order, and for making new attachments, \$14,000 00

MAINTENANCE. No. 4.

The payment of State Taxes on all the Works; repairs to the buildings, and keeping the grounds of the Works and Reservoirs in good order, \$7,000 00

SALARIES. No. 5.

Salaries of all the officers, except the Engineers and Watchmen at the Reservoirs, which are charged under the head of Power, - - - \$13,875 00

INCIDENTALS. No. 6.

Which includes office rents and office expenses of all kinds, Books, Stationery, advertising, and expenses of Committee visiting Works, - - - \$6,000 00

No. 7.

For a new Pump at Fairmount in place of No. 4, which has been in use over thirty years; both the valve boxes are cracked and very much worn, so much so, that it is not safe to risk it for another season; it cannot now be used for pumping in the new Basin. For making this repair it will require, - - - \$5,000 00

No. 8.

For re-painting the buildings at Fairmount and Spring Garden Works, - - - \$4,000 00

The increased amount of appropriation asked for on item No. 1 is on account of the Works in the Twenty-Fourth Ward, which are now under our control, and the large increase in the consumption of water, which will add considerable to the running expenses.

Yours respectfully,

SAMUEL OGDIN,

Chief Engineer of the Water Department.

APPENDIX No. 47.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Police, having had the application of the Mayor, for a change of certain items of appropriation to the Department of Police, under consideration, respectfully submit the following Ordinance and ask its adoption.

LEWIS BREMER, *Chairman*,
CHAS. C. MCNEAL,
G. W. SCHOFIELD,
SAMUEL LINDSAY,
WILLIAM DEAL,
D. BEVAN,
ROBT. V. BARBER.

Dec. 11, 1856.

RESOLUTION

Relative to the change of certain Items of Appropriation to the Department of Police.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That so much of the appropriation as was made to the Department of Police by Ordinance approved on the eleventh day of March last, as shall amount to Nine Hundred Dollars, be transferred from the following accounts, viz :

Item—Rent.—One hundred and fifty dollars, and that the same be appropriated to account of Meals, “Repairs and Incidental Expenses.”

Item—Water.—Twenty-five dollars, and that the same be appropriated to account of “Conveying Prisoners.”

Item—Water.—One hundred dollars and Item Police Magistrates—One hundred and four dollars, making in all, Two hundred and four dollars, and that the same be appropriated to account of “Printing and Stationery.”

Item—Fuel.—Three hundred dollars. Item—Arrest and conviction of offenders—One hundred and eighty-four dollars, and Item—Matches—Thirty-seven dollars; making in all, Five hundred and twenty-one dollars, and that the same be appropriated to account of “Cleansing Station Houses.”

APPENDIX No. 48.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PORT WARDENS, PUBLIC WHARVES
AND LANDINGS.*To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Port Wardens, Public Wharves and Landings, to whom was referred the Estimates of the appropriations needed by the Trustees of the City Ice Boat, for the year 1857, beg leave to return the same, and recommend the following alterations:

From item Repairs,	-	-	\$10,000	to	\$9,000
“ “ Fuel,	-	-	4,000	to	3,000
“ “ Wages,	-	-	2,750	to	2,700
“ “ Provisions,	-	-	850	to	750
“ “ Incidentals,	-	-	400	to	400
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			\$18,000	to	\$15,850

Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. BAIRD, *Chairman*,
WILLIAM C. KELLY,
FRANCIS J. BORIE,
BENJ. H. BROWN,
FRANCIS McMANUS.

Dec. 11, 1856.

OFFICE TRUSTEES OF CITY ICE BOAT, }
Philadelphia, Nov. 21, 1856. }

S. TAYLOR, Esq., City Controller.

SIR:—I am directed by Mr. John Devereux, President of the Board of Trustees of the City Ice Boat, in reply to your communication of the 19th instant, to state, that it will not be possible for the Trustees to furnish at this time a statement of the amount which will be due and chargeable, against the City Ice Boat, on the first of January next, over the appropriations made for the expenses of the present year; this is owing to the fact, that it has been found necessary to make much more extensive repairs to the hull of the

Boat than was at first anticipated, as the extent of the decay to a number of her large timbers could not be discovered until she was taken out on the Dry Dock; these had to be removed and new ones substituted, and the work is still going forward with despatch.

The Board in their Estimate of 1857 have asked for \$10,000 for item "Repairs." This amount they confidently expect will cover both the balance which will be due over and above the appropriation for 1856, on the first of January next, for the repairs now going forward, and also pay for the repairs which may be needed for the year 1857.

There are no other debts of any kind which the appropriation for 1856 will not cover.

Very Respectfully, &c.,
SAM'L WILCOX, Clerk.

OFFICE TRUSTEES OF CITY ICE BOAT, }
Philadelphia, Nov. 6, 1856. }

S. TAYLOR, Esq., City Controller.

SIR:—At a stated meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City Ice Boat, held on the 5th instant, the following Estimate of the appropriations needed by this Department for the year 1857, was duly adopted, and the Clerk directed to furnish the same to the City Controller, agreeably to circular dated 21st October, 1856, to wit:

For Repairs to Boat and Machinery,	-	\$10,000
" Fuel,	- - - - -	4,000
" Wages,	- - - - -	2,750
" Provisions,	- - - - -	850
" Incidentals, Insurance, Wharfage, Stationery, &c.,	- - - - -	400
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		\$18,000

Very Respectfully, &c.
SAM'L WILCOX, Clerk.

APPENDIX No. 49.

REPORT OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON MARKETS, PORT WARDENS,
WHARVES AND PUBLIC LANDINGS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Joint Committee, composed of the Committee on Markets, and the Committee on Port Wardens, Wharves and Public Landings, to whom was referred a memorial from the Commissioner of Markets, asking for the appointment of a permanent Clerk in that department, respectfully report, That they have given that subject their careful consideration, and find that it would be both wisdom and economy to grant the request. It has been a common practice in this department to employ temporary clerks at certain seasons of the year, the expenses of which have been as much, if not more than is proposed to the clerk contemplated by the accompanying Ordinance. Moreover, it will be borne in mind, that by the recent consolidation of the Department of Markets with the Department of Port Wardens, Wharves and Public Landings, numerous duties have been imposed upon the Commissioner in addition to those heretofore required of him, and also that the Ordinance establishing the Department of Markets requires the Commissioner to be in constant attendance at the office, and consequently, it would be a literal impossibility to comply with the Ordinance establishing the Department of Wharves and Landings, which requires the personal supervision of the Commissioner of any repairs necessary to be made to wharves, &c. Again, it will be found upon examination, that notwithstanding this proposed small increase of expense to this department, that nevertheless there will be a large saving in salaries, office expenses, and in that mysterious item, "incidentals." Your Committee therefore report the ac-

companying Ordinance, and respectfully ask its immediate adoption

<i>Committee on Markets,</i>	<i>Committee on Wharves and</i>
NICHOLAS BROUS, <i>Chairman,</i>	<i>Landings,</i>
JOHN F. MASCHER,	WM. M. BAIRD, <i>Chairm'n,</i>
SAMUEL P. DUTTON,	WILLIAM C. KELLY,
DOMINICK MURPHY,	JOHN McMAKIN,
CHARLES VANHORN,	BENJ. H. BROWN.

Dec. 11, 1856.

A SUPPLEMENT

To an Ordinance approved October 19, 1854, entitled "An Ordinance establishing the Department of Market Houses."

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That there shall be in the Department of Market Houses, a clerk who shall be nominated, and with the approval of Select Council, appointed by the Commissioner of Market Houses, and removable at his pleasure.

SEC. 2. The salary of the said clerk shall be six hundred dollars per annum, and he shall perform such duties as the Commissioner of Market Houses may from time to time direct, and such duties also, as may hereafter be prescribed by Ordinance.

SEC. 3. Before entering upon the duties of his office the said clerk shall give bond with two or more sureties, to be approved by Select Council, in the sum of \$1,000, conditional for the faithful performance of the duties of his office, and shall take and subscribe before the Mayor, an oath or affirmation that he will faithfully perform the duties of his office to the best of his ability.

APPENDIX No. 50.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the claim of Messrs. Logan & Allcott, for coal deliv-

ered to the several Court Houses, having had the same under consideration, are satisfied that the same was ordered and contracted for in violation of the Ordinance approved May 17th, 1856, which prohibits the furnishing of materials, &c., without consent of Councils, and therefore respectfully beg leave to report adversely to the same.

Also, that there being no evidence to justify the payment of the claims of Moses Hopkins for services rendered the Board of Revision, and Paul D. Jones for clerk hire to Commissioner of Markets, beg leave to report adversely thereto, and offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

J. G. SORVER, *Chairman*,
SAMUEL STEVENSON,
JOHN R. BROWNHOLTZ,
CHAS. F. ISEMINER.

Dec. 11, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 51.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS,

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the claim of Samuel Hassen, for damages sustained whilst in performance of police duty, respectfully report adverse thereto, inasmuch as the claimant has already brought suit on the same, and the Committee are of the opinion that he should be left to prove the validity of the same, by legal means, without interference, and offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

J. G. SORVER, *Chairman*,
SAMUEL STEVENSON,
JOHN R. BROWNHOLTZ,
CHARLES F. ISEMINER.

Dec. 11, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 52.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HEALTH.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Health, having had referred to them the estimates from the Board of Health, for the year 1857, report that they have considered the same, and after making certain alterations, beg leave to return it, and ask that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

SAMUEL BARTON, *Chairman*,
 JOS. P. FITLER,
 AND. J. CATHERWOOD,
 LEWIS BREMER,
 M. A. BOYLE.

Dec. 11, 1856.

The Committee on Health having considered the estimates for the Board of Health for 1857, make corrections as follows :

Salaries at Health Office,	-	-	\$7,820 00
do. Lazaretto,	-	-	5,545 00
do. City Hospital,	-	-	1,640 00
Other expenses City Hospital,	-	-	2,306 00
do. do. Health Office,	-	-	1,750 00
do. do. Lazaretto,	-	-	2,650 00
Additional Health Office,	-	-	950 00
Removal of Nuisances,	-	-	5,000 00
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			\$27,661 00

P. S.—Items as corrected on left margin of their Estimate.

The Special Committee, to whom were referred communications from the City Controller, asking for a statement of the estimated receipts and expenditures of the Board for the year 1857, make the following report :—

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS FOR 1857.

Foreign Fees,	\$3,800 00
Coastwise Fees,	1,100 00
Examination of Passengers,	3,750 00
Removal of Nuisances,	1,200 00
Board of Patients,	500 00
Outer Channel Fees,	500 00
Rents,	325 00
Permits and Licenses,	4,500 00
Total estimated receipts,	\$15,675 00

The estimated receipts for removal of Nuisances is much lower than heretofore. This arises from the fact that under the present arrangements, when property is liened for expenses incurred in such removal, the proceeds arising from such liens is paid into the office of the City Solicitor, instead of the Board of Health, as heretofore.

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES FOR 1857.

Salaries:—Health Officer, - -	\$1,200 00
Principal Clerk, - -	1,200 00
Assistant do. - -	600 00
Messenger, - -	540 00
Four Assistant Messengers, -	2,160 00
Port Physician, - -	800 00
Runner, - - - -	360 00
Six Bargemen, - -	1,260 00
\$7,820 00	\$8,120 00

Salaries:—Lazaretto Station.

Lazaretto Physician, - -	1,500 00
Quarantine Master, - -	1,000 00
Steward, - - - -	975 00
4 Nurses, - - - -	700 00
7 Bargemen, - - - -	1,050 00
2 Inspectors of Vessels, - -	320 00
5,545 00	5,545 00

Salaries:—City Hospital.

Matron, - - - -	400 00
3 Nurses, - - - -	500 00
Watchman, - - - -	240 00
Physician, - - - -	500 00
1,640 00	1,640 00

Other expenses at City Hospital:

416 00	Board of Nurses and Watch-	
600 00	man, \$2 75 per week, -	572 00
100 00	Board of Patients, -	2,000 00
	Coffins and Grave Digging, -	200 00
(Struck out.)	Iron Bedsteads, -	200 00
200 00	Coal, Wood, and Hauling, -	400 00
250 00	Horse and Keep, - -	250 00
100 00	Medicines, - - - -	325 00
75 00	Bed and other Clothing, -	350 00

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50 00	Ice, - - - -	100 00	
50 00	Bedding and Straw, - -	175 00	
125 00	Wagon for Sick, - -	125 00	
100 00	Repairs and Miscellaneous,	550 00	
(Struck out.)	Cooking Range, - -	75 00	
240 00	Examination of reported Nuisances by Sanitary Com.,	500 00	
			<hr/> 5,822 00

Expenses at Health Office:

	Taxes on Property, Fuel, Gas, Water-rent, and Repairs to Office, - - -	875 00	
500 00	Printing and Publishing,	1,200 00	
250 00	Stationery and Blanks, -	475 00	
(Struck out.)	Preparing Digest of Health Laws, printing the same, together with the rules for the government of Board and Standing Committees,	500 00	
(Struck out.)	Office Furniture,	150 00	
100 00	Incidental Expenses, Postage, Cleansing, &c., -	150 00	
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Expenses at Lazaretto Station:

300 00	Carrying Mail, . . .	300 00	
50 00	Clothing, . . .	250 00	
100 00	Medicines, . . .	225 00	
25 00	Lime and Chloride, . .	60 00	
50 00	Bedding, . . .	150 00	
50 00	Coffins, . . .	160 00	
50 00	Fuel, Coal, and Wood, .	100 00	
50 00	Oil and Fluid, . . .	110 00	
50 00	Ice and Filling House, .	200 00	
175 00	Horse-keep \$1 75, Straw for Beds 75, . . .	250 00	
	Brushes, Soap, Hospital Furniture, . . .	400 00	
100 00	Taxes, . . .	125 00	
(Struck out.)	Manure, . . .	100 00	
250 00	Expenses of Committee, .	500 00	
(Struck out.)	Miscellaneous, . . .	200 00	
500 00	Board of Patients, . . .	1,700 00	
400 00	Board of Nurses and Bargemen,	660 00	
100 00	Repairs, . . .	400 00	
275 00	Outside Channel Visits, .	550 00	
			<hr/> 6,440 00
100 00	Expenses of Library: . . .	150 00	
350 00	Bills of Mortality, . .	400 00	
(Struck out.)	Burial Ground Committee,	100 00	
	Poudrette Committee examination of carts and violation of law,	425 00	
200 00			

District Committees in examination of reported nuisances :			
1st District,	\$200 00		
2d "	50 00		
3d "	50 00		
4th "	200 00		
5th "	100 00		
300 00		600 00	
			1,675 00
5,000 00	Removal of Nuisances,		32,592 00
			20,000 00
\$27,661 00			\$52,592 00

The Committee offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Clerk be directed to furnish the Controller with the foregoing Report of the Committee.

WM. BONSTALL,
JNO. O'BRIEN,
R. H. GORBUTT,
JOS. R. COAD,
T. J. P. STOKES,
Special Committee.

Health Office, November 13, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 53.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the claim of William M. Evans, for damages awarded by a jury for opening a road in West Philadelphia, beg leave respectfully to report the same back to Council, and recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Highways, and offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

J. G. SORVER, *Chairman*,
SAMUEL STEVENSON,
JOHN R. BROWNHOLTZ,
CHARLES F. ISEMINGER.

Dec. 11, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 54.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The undersigned Committee on Claims, having had the claim of Ganung & Whiteman for lumber furnished the District of Richmond under consideration, respectfully report adverse to the payment of the same in consequence of there being no evidence produced before the Committee to warrant a report in favor of the same.

But in order that the said claim may not be prejudiced, your Committee report, that the difficulty in this, as in many other similar claims is, that the books of the District of Richmond have been mislaid, lost or destroyed, and no evidence can be obtained from that source, and they cannot consistently, or in justice to themselves and those they represent, report in favor of the payment of claims without some evidence of their validity. They offer the following resolution, and ask its adoption.

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

J. G. SORVER, *Chairman*,
SAMUEL STEVENSON,
JOHN R. BROWNHOLTZ,
CHARLES F. ISEMINGER.

Dec. 11, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 55.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolution from Select Council, to release certain properties of James Martin and J. Whiteman, from

lien of the judgment therein mentioned, report the same as committed, and respectfully ask concurrence.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
HENRY J. BOLLER,
ABR. BAKER,
JOSHUA T. OWEN.

Dec. 11, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 56.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report an Ordinance, entitled, “An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay the interest on the Funded Debt of the City of Philadelphia, falling due on the 1st day of January, 1857, and to pay the principal money of such debt as will become due and payable during the year 1857,” and ask its passage.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
ABRAHAM BAKER,
HENRY J. BOLLER,
JOSHUA T. OWEN.

Dec. 18, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to pay the interest on the Funded Debt of the City of Philadelphia, falling due on the 1st day of January, 1857, and to pay the principal money of such debt as will become due and payable during the year 1857.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of five hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to pay the interest of the funded debt of the City of Philadelphia, which will fall due on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, (1857,) and the sum of one hundred and eighty-nine thousand four hundred and ninety-one dollars and fifty-five cents, (\$189,491 55,) to pay the principal of such debt as will become due

and payable during the year eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, (1857.)

SEC. 2. Warrants for the payment of the said interest shall be issued in the following manner: The City Treasurer shall present to the Mayor a list of the loan holders, which shall contain the amount of the principal of the debt owned by them respectively, the rate of, and the amount of interest accrued, the amount of State tax to be deducted and retained, and the net sum due for interest; and at the foot of such list they may or shall add the following warrant, viz:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
Philadelphia, ——— }

To ——— ——— *The City Treasurer,*

Pay to the persons or corporations above named the amounts respectively due to them, as above set forth, for interest on City debt due.

————, *Mayor.*

The said warrant shall then be presented to the City Controller to be countersigned.

SEC. 3. Warrants for the payment of appropriation to pay the principal of the funded debt, becoming due and payable during the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, (1857,) shall be drawn by the City Treasurer, and the certificates of such debt shall be delivered to the City Controller to be cancelled and filed by him.

SEC. 4. This Ordinance shall take effect on the first day of January, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

APPENDIX No. 57.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the Bills of James G. Gibson and John M. Henderson, for arranging records and papers of the

Court of Common Pleas, as provided for in the act of Assembly, approved the 19th day of April, 1856, respectfully report the following Ordinance, and ask its passage.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
JOSHUA T. OWEN,
ABM. BAKER,
THOS. CRAVEN.

Dec. 18, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to pay certain bills for copying and arranging records and papers in the office of the Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of eight hundred and fifty-nine dollars and ninety cents be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to pay the following bills, viz:

John M. Henderson, for copying common recoveries, indexing, and arranging papers, four hundred ninety-nine dollars and ninety cents.

James G. Gibson, for expenses incurred in arranging records and papers of the Court of Common Pleas, three hundred and sixty dollars.

SEC. 2. Warrants for the payment of the said appropriations shall be drawn by the City Treasurer.

PHILADELPHIA, November 27, 1856.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—In accordance with an act entitled, "An act for the preservation of the Records of the Courts," approved the 19th day of April, 1856, page 458 Pamphlet Laws of 1856, I have authorized the Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas, to have the following work done, and respectfully ask that an appropriation may be made for the payment of the same.

OSWALD THOMPSON,
President Judge.

Philadelphia, November 27, 1856.

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,

To JAMES G. GIBSON, DR.

For arranging records and papers, as provided
for in the above act:

To J. S. Tenmery, 120 days, at \$2,	-	-	\$240 00
J. & H. Elensworth, 60 days, at \$2,	-	-	120 00
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			\$360 00

I certify that J. S. Tenmery and J. & H. Elensworth
done the above work, and devoted the time specified
to the above work.

JAS. G. GIBSON,
Prothonotary.

PHILADELPHIA, November 27, 1856.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—In accordance with an act entitled,
“An act for the preservation of the Records of the
Courts,” approved the 19th day of April, 1856, page
458 Pamphlet Laws of 1856, I have authorized the
Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas, to have
certain papers copied and filed away, and request that
an appropriation may be made to pay the same.

OSWALD THOMPSON,
President Judge.

Philadelphia, November 27, 1856.

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,

JOHN M. HENDERSON, DR.

For copying common recovery for the Court
of Common Pleas:

830 pages, at 50 cents,	-	-	-	\$415 00
Indexing 830 pages, at 3 cents,	-	-	-	24 90
Arranging papers, 30 days,	-	-	-	60 00
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				\$499 90

I certify that John M. Henderson done the above work, and devoted the time specified to the above work.

JAS. G. GIBSON,
Prothonotary.

APPENDIX No. 58.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred an Ordinance from Select Council, “to make an appropriation to pay certain claims against the City,” report the same back, with a request that the 2d and 4th sections be referred to the Committee on Claims, and the 3d section to the Committee on Markets. Your Committee respectfully offer the following resolution, and ask its adoption:

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
JOSHUA T. OWEN,
ABRAHAM BAKER,
THOS. CRAVEN.

Dec. 18, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to pay certain claims against the City.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of five thousand and fifty-seven dollars and eighty-three cents be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to pay the following claims, namely:

1. Richard and Samuel H. Jones, to pay a certain judgment against the City, - \$4,100 00

2. Odd Fellows Hall Association of Germantown for a Lamp erected in front of their building, under a resolution passed by the Town Council of the Borough of Germantown, May 31, 1853, 25 00
3. To the Department of Market Houses, to meet bills left unpaid by the late Commissioner for work done and materials furnished, as follows :

John W. Hicks, for gas fitting, June 21, '56,	16 00
Morris, Tasker & Morris, iron work, March 21, 1856, - - - - -	16 17
D. M. Smith, lumber, April, 1856, - - -	13 41
H. L. Powell, lumber, March 2, 1856, - - -	78 93
Barnes & Strong, carpenter work, April 19,	132 25
Joseph Wimer, plastering, April 28, - - -	40 00
H. Snyder & Son, painting, April 2, - - -	168 25
Charles Hubbard, painting, April 25, - - -	210 00
W. H. Sickels, printing, June 1, - - -	7 00
Philadelphia Daily Sun, advertising, June 16,	3 00
Trustees Philadelphia Gas Works, - - -	58 07
4. Edward C. Graeff, for an order issued in his favor July 7, 1852, by the late District of Richmond, - - - - - 189 75

SEC. 2. That warrants for the said appropriations shall be drawn as follows: Items No. 1 and 4 by the City Solicitor; Items No. 2 and 3 by the Commissioner of Market Houses, in the manner and form with the requisites contained in existing ordinances authorizing the drawing of money from the City Treasury.

APPENDIX No. 59.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred a resolution from Select Council, “To

transfer certain items of appropriation to the Department of City Treasurer," report the same as committed, and ask its adoption.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
ABM. BAKER,
JOSHUA T. OWEN,
THOS. CRAVEN.

Dec. 18, 1856.

RESOLUTION

To transfer certain items of appropriation to the Department of City Treasurer.

Resolved, That the City Controller be, and he is hereby authorized to make the following transfer in the annual appropriations made for the year 1856, to the Department of the City Treasurer, to wit:

The sum of five hundred dollars from item No. 3, for temporary Clerk hire, for books, stationery, advertising, and printing sterling transfer bonds, to item No. 4, for fuel and other expenses.

APPENDIX No. 60.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred a resolution from Select Council, to transfer two hundred and fifty dollars from the item, "For outer channel visits," to item "For expenses of Health Officers," respectfully report adversely to the passage of the same, and ask the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,

ABR. BAKER,

THOS. CRAVEN,

JOSHUA T. OWEN.

Dec. 18, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 61.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred an Ordinance from Select Council, “To make an appropriation to the Fire Department for the purposes therein mentioned,” report the same with the following amendments: Strike out \$400 in the sixth line and insert \$551; strike out the twelfth line, and strike out \$1,564 46 and insert \$1,267 77 in the second line, and insert after the word “sums” in the fourth line “in full.”

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,

JOSHUA T. OWEN,

THOMAS CRAVEN,

HENRY J. BOLLER.

Dec. 18, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 62.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred a Bill from Select Council, entitled, “An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of City Commissioners, for the purpose of paying salaries and other expenses incident to assessments and expenses of elections in October and November,

for the year 1856, respectfully report the same with the following amendments:

Strike out in the 1st Section "fifteen thousand four hundred and fifty-nine dollars," and insert in lieu thereof "ten thousand four hundred and thirty-eight dollars," for the following purposes, to wit:

To Hugh Kilpatrick and John McFaul, Assessors of Third Ward, the sum of three hundred dollars each;

To Edward Irwin and John H. Brady, Assessors of Eighth Ward, the sum of three hundred dollars each;

To Samuel M. Fox and John Leatherman, Assessors of Tenth Ward, the sum of three hundred dollars each;

To Charles Winters and George Simpson, Assessors of Thirteenth Ward, the sum of three hundred dollars each;

To Samuel Daniels and John Crosby, Assessors of Fifteenth Ward, the sum of three hundred dollars each;

To Joseph G. M. Tompkins and Thomas Mair, Assessors of Sixteenth Ward, the sum of three hundred dollars each;

To Daniel Shronk and Joseph Morrison, Assessors of Twenty-first Ward, the sum of three hundred dollars each;

To John Boardman, Assessor of Twenty-second Ward, the sum of three hundred dollars;

To Samuel Shaw and John Burk, Assessors of Twenty-third Ward, the sum of three hundred dollars each;

To Leonard Hayes and Forrester Hoopes, Assessors of Twenty-fourth Ward, the sum of three hundred dollars each;

Amounting in all to five thousand seven hundred dollars compensation due for making the assessments for the year 1857.

For Election Officers for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-five:

Four Judges, at seven dollars each;

Thirteen Inspectors, at seven dollars each;

Nineteen Clerks, at five dollars each ;

Amounting to two hundred and fourteen dollars.

For Election Officers for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-six :

One hundred and sixty Judges, at seven dollars each ;

Two hundred and eighty-two Inspectors, at seven dollars each ;

Two hundred and eighty-six Clerks, at five dollars each ;

Amounting to four thousand five hundred and twenty-four dollars.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,

ABM. BAKER,

JOSHUA T. OWEN,

THOS. CRAVEN.

Dec. 18, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 63.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :—The Committee on Highways, &c., have considered the Resolution from Select Council to grade a portion of Market street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, and report :

That the street in the locality referred to, is in a very bad condition, and should be repaired without delay.

They therefore recommend that Common Council concur in the resolution.

Respectfully submitted by

AND. MILLER, *Chairman*,

J. G. SORVER,

JOHN M. FORD,

CHAS. ISEMINER.

Dec. 18, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 64.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Highways, &c., have had under consideration a resolution, passed by Select Council on the 4th of December, directing the opening of Chatham street from Front to Sixth street, in the Nineteenth Ward, and thereupon they report:

That Chatham street is laid down upon the plan of the Northern part of the City to extend from Front street to the Schuylkill, between Cherry or Montgomery streets on the South, and Norris or Lancaster street on the North, and is called Berks street West of Sixth street.

By an act of Assembly, passed April 26, 1855, P. L. page 312, it was widened to the breadth of one hundred and twenty feet from Front to Broad street; it having been originally laid out of the breadth of fifty feet throughout its whole length.

This law to widen the street, the Committee presume was petitioned for, or suggested, by the owners of ground through which it will pass, because of the advantages they would derive from having a front on a wide street; and the Committee are of the opinion that those who desire to have and enjoy the benefits and advantages of a wide street, ought to be willing to surrender as much of their land as is necessary to make it.

From Front street westward to the Germantown road there does not appear to be any improvements upon the ground over which Chatham street will pass, and the ground is supposed to be owned in large plots, which the opening of a street, of even so great a breadth as one hundred and twenty feet, will not injure; and through this portion of the ground it is presumed the street might be opened by the owners, who would thereby bring their ground into the market as building lots.

But from the Germantown road westward to Sixth

street there are some valuable improvements, and the lots will be cut obliquely with their ancient lines, so that the damage done in that locality by the opening will no doubt be very considerable.

The Committee have on several occasions heretofore reported against the passage by Councils of resolutions to open streets, and have given as a reason therefor, that the labor thrown upon the Committee by the ordinary and legitimate business of Councils leaves them no time to obtain the information that is absolutely essential to enlightened and intelligent action.

In the present case a resolution has passed one branch of Councils, opening a street 120 feet wide, a distance of some 3,200 feet, or about three-fifths of a mile, while no plan nor the name of a single owner has been submitted; nor have the Committee had before them any evidence or data whereby they could judge or estimate the amount of damage that would be incurred, nor can they even guess whether it would be one thousand or one hundred thousand dollars.

The Committee deem it their bounden duty, therefore, to recommend that Common Council do not concur in the resolution.

Respectfully submitted by

AND. MILLER, *Chairman*,
JOHN M. FORD,
J. G. SERVER,
CHAS. ISEMINER.

Dec. 18, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 65.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Highways, &c., have had under consideration a resolution, to author-

ize the opening of Sixth street from Ellwood Lane to Nicetown Lane, passed by Select Council on the 11th of December instant, and thereupon they report:

That Sixth street is now opened to Rising Sun Lane, which is within about six hundred feet of Nicetown Lane, the point to which the resolution proposes to open it, except a short distance immediately North of Ellwood Lane, through the land of John Draper.

About a year ago a jury assessed and awarded to Mr. Draper eight hundred dollars damages for his land, which award has been confirmed absolutely by the Court; and the Committee will in a few days report an ordinance to pay certain road damages, in which will be included the amount awarded to Mr. Draper, and as soon as the money is paid, Sixth street can be opened to Rising Sun Lane, along which the distance is only about four or five hundred feet to Nicetown Lane.

To open Sixth street from Rising Sun Lane to Nicetown Lane would cut valuable improved property obliquely with its ancient lines, whereby the City would incur heavy damages, to which the advantage or convenience of opening the street for so short a distance would be in no way equivalent.

The Committee therefore recommend that Common Council non-concur in the resolution.

Respectfully submitted by

AND. MILLER, *Chairman*,

JOHN M. FORD,

J. G. SORVER,

CHAS. ISEMINGER.

Dec. 18, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 66.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Highways, &c., in response to several petitions referred to them, have

reported the following Ordinance, to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, &c., to pay certain road damages, &c., and recommend its passage.

Respectfully submitted by

AND. MILLER, *Chairman*,
JOHN M. FORD,
J. G. SORVER,
CHAS. ISEMINGER.

Dec. 18, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and cleansing the City, to pay certain Road Damages, partly in Certificates of City Debt, and partly in money.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, do ordain, That the sum of five thousand three hundred and twenty-five dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers and Cleansing the City, for the purpose of paying, in manner hereafter mentioned, the following amounts, assessed as damages, for injuries sustained by the following named persons, by the opening of streets, that is to say:— To Philip L. Bunting, fifteen hundred dollars. To George Marker, one thousand dollars. To William T. Risler, five hundred dollars. To Benjamin Martin, one hundred dollars. To Phœbe Cecil, seventy-five dollars, and to John S. Curby, fifty dollars. The several amounts assessed for damages sustained by the opening of Franklin street, from Front to Seventh streets, in the First Ward.

To William Rheiner, eight hundred dollars, the amount assessed for damages sustained by the opening of Tioga street, westward into the Township Line Road, in the Twenty-first Ward.

To John Draper, eight hundred dollars, the amount assessed for damages sustained by the opening of Sixth street, from Ellwood Lane to Rising Sun Lane, in the Twenty-third Ward.

To Martha Moore and Ann Lamb, five hundred dollars, the amount directed to be paid to them by a reso-

lution of the Board of Commissioners of the late District of West Philadelphia, passed January 24, 1854, for damages sustained by the widening of Till street, north of Market street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward.

SEC. 2. Warrants for the payment of the said appropriations shall be drawn by the Chief Commissioner of Highways. The following sums shall be paid in money, viz: To the said Phœbe Cecil, seventy-five dollars, and to the said John S. Curby, fifty dollars, and the balance of the said appropriation in certificates of City debt, and the warrants to be drawn as aforesaid, shall express how much of the amount for which they are drawn is payable in money, and how much in said certificates. Provided, that no warrant shall be drawn until the City Solicitor, upon the faith of proper certificates of search to be produced to him, shall certify that there are no liens or incumbrances against the property for injury, to which the said damages have been awarded. Nor (except in the case of Martha Moore and Ann Lamb) until the usual certificate shall be produced from the Court of Quarter Sessions, that the said damages have been assessed by a jury, and their report confirmed absolutely.

SEC. 3. When the delivery of any such warrants, countersigned by the Controller, to the City Treasurer, as specifies that the payment of the amount therein mentioned is to be made in certificates of City debt, the said Treasurer shall deliver to the person in whose favor the same is drawn, or to his order, certificates of City debt to the amount expressed in such warrant, which certificates shall be such as are provided for and described in an Ordinance, approved August 23, 1855, entitled, "An Ordinance to provide for the issue of certificates of debt in payment of road damages, and to pay the contract price of the Fire Alarm and Police Telegraph," and the said certificates shall be a portion of those authorized to be issued by the said Ordinance.

APPENDIX No. 67.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON POLICE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Police ask leave to report an ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to make an appropriation for the expenses of the Police Department for the year 1857, and to pay certain deficiencies on account of the appropriation of 1856.

Respectfully submitted by

LEWIS BREMER, *Chairman*,
D. BEVAN,
WILLIAM DEAL,
CHARLES MCNEAL,
ROBT. V. BARBER.

Dec. 18, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation for the expenses of the Police Department for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, and to pay certain deficiencies on account of the appropriation of eighteen hundred and fifty-six.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of three hundred and ninety-one thousand eight hundred and ten dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the payment of the expenses of the Police Department for the year 1857, as follows, that is to say:

1. For salaries of the Mayor and Clerk, Marshal of Police and Clerk, High Constables, Special Officers, Messengers, Lieutenants and Sergeants of Police, and Policemen, three hundred and seventy-two thousand dollars.

2. For rent of Station Houses, fuel, gas, and water, three thousand and fifty dollars.

3. For conveying prisoners by Van from Station Houses in Germantown, Manayunk, Frankford, West Philadelphia, Central Office, and all other stations, five thousand dollars.

4. For cleansing Station Houses, meals for prisoners, medical attendance incident to accidents, &c., repairs to Station Houses, cell and house furniture, and incidental expenses, four thousand dollars.

5. For Stationery and Printing, Blanks, Public Notices, Police Returns for Mayor, Marshal and Lieutenants of Police, one thousand five hundred and sixty dollars.

6. For arrest and conviction of offenders, Foreign Telegraphic expenses, mattresses, badges, rattles, stoves and heaters, and repairs to the same, postage and portage, three thousand two hundred dollars.

7. For expenses of taking up and killing dogs, one thousand dollars.

8. For expenses of Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph, including salaries of Superintendent and Assistant, two thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. That the sum of twelve thousand four hundred and six dollars and fifteen cents be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to pay certain deficiencies on account of the appropriation of 1856, that is to say:

For salaries of Police for nine days in December, expense of Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph, cleansing Station Houses in November and December, Gas for months of October, November and December, bills rendered remaining unpaid.

APPENDIX No. 68.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRISONS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Prisons, to whom was referred the Estimates of Expenses of the Phila-

delphia County Prison for the year 1857, respectfully report, that they have given the subject their careful consideration, and that they have agreed to deduct \$100 from the item "Omnibus Tickets," and \$50 from the item "Ice." In every other particular they believe the estimate to be as low and fair as the requirements of the Prison and the improved credit of the City will permit. In making their investigations they became cognizant of one important fact, viz: That contractors are unwilling to sell their goods to this Department upon as favorable terms as they do to private individuals for cash, because of the discount upon the warrants they receive in payment; and if it were possible for the Department to pay cash for materials there would be a saving to the City, in this Department alone, of over \$7,000.

JOHN F. MASCHER, *Chairman*,
SAMUEL LINDSAY,
WM. BRADFORD,
JOHN BROMLEY,
D. McCLEARY,
JOHN G. SNYDER.

Dec. 18, 1856.

SALARIES OF THE OFFICERS AND KEEPERS OF THE PHILADELPHIA COUNTY PRISON.

Wm. B. Perkins, Superintendent,	-	\$1,200 00
J. K. Howell, Clerk,	- - - -	1,000 00
H. Y. Smith, Physician,	- - - -	800 00
J. Mickel, Deputy Superintendent,	- - - -	900 00
J. Fee, Superintendent Shoe Department,	- - - -	800 00
Wm. Sharp, Keeper,	- - - -	800 00
H. M. Klapp, Apothecary,	- - - -	700 00
W. H. Grubb, Gatekeeper,	- - - -	700 00
Alex. Campbell, Gatekeeper,	- - - -	700 00
Charles Harnstead, Keeper S. Side,	- - - -	700 00
J. N. Young,	" " - -	700 00
Joseph Little,	" " - -	700 00
W. H. Blackwood,	" N. " - -	700 00
P. Cassady,	" " - -	700 00
H. C. Snyder,	" " - -	700 00

J. H. Campbell, Keeper N. Side, - - -	750 00
H. Lyons, Baker, - - - - -	500 00
D. Buddy, Cook, - - - - -	500 00
A. Sargent, Keeper Female Side, - - -	700 00
E. L. Spencer, Matron, - - - - -	450 00
A. G. Ryan, Assistant Matron, - - -	450 00
Wm. Monnell, Watchman, - - - - -	500 00
J. Taylor, " - - - - -	500 00
J. McManemin, " - - - - -	500 00
J. Benson, " - - - - -	500 00
W. W. Buck, " - - - - -	500 00
C. Vanzandt, Keeper, - - - - -	700 00
J. Achuff, Messenger, - - - - -	500 00
J. H. Baen, Fireman, - - - - -	500 00
Wm. J. Mullen, Prison Agent, - - -	900 00
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	\$20,250 00

ESTIMATE OF THE EXPENSES OF THE PHILADELPHIA COUNTY
PRISON FOR THE YEAR 1857.

Supplies and Subsistence.

1,400 Bbls. Wheat Flour, at \$7 50, - - -	\$10,500 00
600 Bbls. Rye Flour, at \$4 00, - - -	2,400 00
20,000 Lbs. Sugar, at 10½c., - - -	2,100 00
36,000 Lbs. Rice, at 5c., - - - - -	1,800 00
5,000 Galls. Molasses, at 50c., - - -	2,500 00
500 Galls. Oil, at \$1 91, - - - - -	950 00
125,000 Lbs. Beef and Mutton, at 5½c., - - -	6,875 00
52,000 Lbs. Pork, at 10½c., - - - - -	5,460 00
7,800 Lbs. Coffee, at 12½c., - - - - -	975 00
2,400 Lbs. Tea, at 33c., - - - - -	792 00
400 Lbs. Pepper, at 12c., - - - - -	48 00
50 Sacks Salt, at \$2, - - - - -	100 00
2,000 Bushels Potatoes, at 70c., - - -	1,400 00
500 Galls. Vinegar, at 8c., - - - - -	40 00
12,000 Lbs. Corn Meal, at 16c., - - -	192 00
Oat Meal and Barley, - - - - -	100 00
Drugs and Medicines, - - - - -	800 00
Hay, Feed and Straw, - - - - -	500 00
Omnibus Tickets, - - - - -	300 00
Stationery and Printing, including annual papers, -	700 00
Brushes, - - - - -	150 00
Hardware, - - - - -	250 00
Tobacco for Prisoners, - - - - -	100 00
Soap, - - - - -	800 00
Ice, - - - - -	250 00
Vegetables, - - - - -	400 00

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Milk, - - - - -	\$150 00
Hops and Malt, - - - - -	50 00
Lime, - - - - -	50 00
Discharged Prisoners, as per act of Assembly, - -	250 00
Water Rent, - - - - -	514 00
Buckets, &c., - - - - -	100 00
Hospital, - - - - -	300 00
Miscellaneous, - - - - -	1,000 00
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	\$42,896 00

Fuel Account.

800 Tons Coal, at \$5, - - - - -	4,000 00
20 Cords Wood, at \$5, - - - - -	100 00
Charcoal, - - - - -	150 00
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	\$4,250 00

Clothing and Bedding Account.

800 Pairs Blankets, at \$2 25, - - - - -	\$1,800 00
1,000 Yards Flannel, at 31c., - - - - -	310 00
3,000 Yards Sheeting and Shirting, at 10c., - -	300 00
Second-hand Clothing for Prisoners on their dis-	
charge, as per act of Assembly, - - - - -	200 00
60 Dozen pairs Stockings, at \$2 50, - - - - -	270 00
Bedding for Prisoners, - - - - -	400 00
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	\$3,280 00

Buildings and Repairs.

Lumber, - - - - -	\$400 00
Brass Cocks and Lead Pipe, - - - - -	250 00
Tin, - - - - -	100 00
Paints, Glass, &c., - - - - -	300 00
Iron, - - - - -	100 00
Copper, - - - - -	150 00
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	\$1,500 00

Gas Account.

Lighting the Prison with Gas, - - - - -	\$900 00
Salaries as estimated above, - - - - -	\$20,250 00

RECAPITULATION.

Supplies and Subsistence, - - - - -	\$42,896 00
Fuel account, - - - - -	4,250 00
Clothing and Bedding account, - - - - -	3,280 00
Buildings and Repairs account, - - - - -	1,500 00
Gas account, - - - - -	900 00
Salary account, - - - - -	20,250 00
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	\$73,076 00

APPENDIX No. 69.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRISONS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Prisons, to whom was referred the Estimate of Expenditures for the Debtors Apartment of the County Prison, for the year 1857, being in the aggregate \$1,850, report the same back as committed.

JOHN F. MASCHER, *Chairman*,
SAMUEL LINDSAY,
WM. BRADFORD,
JOHN BROMLEY,
D. McCLEARY,
JOHN G. SNYDER.

Dec. 18, 1856.

PHILADELPHIA, November 10, 1856.

City of Philadelphia,

Dr.

To WILLIAM SAFFIN,

Keeper of the Debtors Apartment.

For the Expenditures of the Debtors Apartment for 1857, subject to an appropriation for the County Prison for 1857:

Keeper's Salary,	-	-	-	-	\$700 00
For Fuel,	-	-	-	-	200 00
For Gas,	-	-	-	-	100 00
For Supplies and Subsistence,	-	-	-	-	850 00
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					\$1,850 00

APPENDIX No. 70.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRISONS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Prisons, to whom was referred a resolution transferring certain items of

appropriation of the County Prison, respectfully report the same back as committed, and ask its adoption.

JOHN F. MASCHER, *Chairman*,
SAMUEL LINDSAY,
WM. BRADFORD,
JOHN BROMLEY,
D. McCLEARY,
JOHN G. SNYDER.

Dec. 18, 1856.

RESOLUTION

To transfer a certain item of appropriation, made to the Inspectors of the County Prison for the use of the Debtors apartment thereof, approved September 23d, 1856.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the sum of one hundred dollars, appropriated by item two for fuel, as contained in the Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Inspectors of the County Prison for the use of the Debtors apartment thereof," approved September 23, 1856, be and the same is hereby transferred to item three, for supplies for the subsistence of the prisoners, at such rate as may be determined upon by the Inspectors aforesaid.

APPENDIX No. 71.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee on Surveys and Regulations, upon the petition of citizens and owners of property in the vicinity of Market street and Letitia Court, asking for a Culvert or Inlet to connect with the Market street Sewer, beg leave to report:

That the matter was duly submitted to the Board of Surveyors for examination, and those gentlemen, after proper investigation, recommend that Councils direct an Inlet to be made at the South-west corner of Market street and Letitia street to enter the Market street Sewer, and offer the annexed resolution, and ask its adoption.

GEO. NORTHROP, *Chairman*,
 SAM'L P. DUTTON,
 CHARLES B. ROBERTS,
 SPENCER ROBERTS.

Dec. 18, 1856.

RESOLUTION

To construct an Inlet at the South-west corner of Market and Letitia streets to connect with the Market street Sewer.

Resolved, That the Department of Highways be authorized and is hereby directed to construct an Inlet at the South-west corner of Market and Letitia streets to connect with the Market street Sewer, the expenses thereof to be paid out of the appropriation made to the Department of Highways.

APPENDIX No. 72.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee on Surveys and Regulations, to whom was referred a petition of the Pennsylvania Rail Road Company, asking permission to construct, at their expense, a Culvert from their new office building at the South-west corner of Third Street and Willing's alley to the main culvert at

Third and Walnut streets, in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Surveyors, offer the following Ordinance and ask its adoption.

GEO. NORTHPROP, *Chairman*,
SAM'L P. DUTTON,
CHARLES B. ROBERTS,
SPENCER ROBERTS.

Dec. 18, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To authorize the construction of a certain Culvert.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the Pennsylvania Rail Road Company are hereby authorized to construct a Culvert, to commence at and intersect the Culvert at Third and Walnut streets, to extend Southward along the line of Third street to Willing's alley, and Westward along said Willing's alley as far as may be necessary for the drainage of their premises at the Southwest corner of Third street and Willing's alley, to be of such form and dimensions as may be prescribed by the Department of Surveys, and to be constructed under the supervision of the Department of Surveys. Provided, before the said Culvert is commenced the party who is hereby authorized to construct the same shall enter into a covenant to build it at their own expense, and restore the street to its present condition.

SEC. 2. The said Culvert, when completed, shall become the property of the City without condition, except that no permit or permission shall be granted any person to make any drain thereto except persons who have contributed to the expense of the construction thereof, before he or she shall have paid to the parties so constructing a sum proportionable to the extent of the front of his or her property on said Culvert. Provided, a certificate of acceptance of said Culvert, from the Chief Engineer and Surveyor of the City, and a statement of its actual cost shall have been filed in the office of the Department of Surveys.

APPENDIX No. 73.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS,

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Surveys and Regulations, to whom was referred the resolutions from Select Council to construct a Drain across the property of Henry J. Williams, Esq., in the Fifteenth Ward, respectfully report in favor of the same.

GEO. NORTHRUP, *Chairman*,

JOSEPH GEISS,

SAM'L P. DUTTON,

CHARLES B. ROBERTS.

Dec. 18, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 74.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee, to whom was referred the accompanying resolution, relative to the adjustment of Grades at the crossing of Gunner's Run Canal and York, Cumberland, Huntingdon, Somerset, and Clearfield streets, as well as Lehigh and Allegheny avenues, have examined the matter and recommend its adoption.

GEO. NORTHRUP, *Chairman*.

SAM'L P. DUTTON,

CHARLES B. ROBERTS,

SPENCER ROBERTS.

Dec. 18, 1856.

RESOLUTION

Relative to the adjustment of Grades at the crossing of Gunner's Run Canal. &c.

Resolved, That the Department of Surveys be directed to adjust the Grades of York, Cumberland, Hun-

tingdon, Somerset, and Clearfield streets, as well as Lehigh and Allegheny avenues, to conform with the elevation of the Bridges erected at the intersection of said streets and avenues with Gunner's Run Canal.

APPENDIX No. 75.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Surveys and Regulations, to whom was referred the Ordinance from Select Council, to authorize the construction of a certain Culvert, respectfully report in favor of the same with the following amendment: Insert after the word "*Provided,*" in the sixth line of Section 2, the words, "*a certificate of acceptance from the Chief Engineer and Surveyor and.*"

GEO. NORTHPROP, *Chairman,*
SAM'L P. DUTTON,
CHARLES B. ROBERTS,
SPENCER ROBERTS.

Dec. 18, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 76.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Surveys and Re-

gulations, to whom was referred the claims of Enoch Thorn, respectfully report the annexed Ordinance.

GEO. NORTHROP, *Chairman*,

JOSEPH GEISS,

SAM'L P. DUTTON,

CHARLES B. ROBERTS.

Dec. 18, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To pay Enoch Thorn certain claims against the City, and for other purposes.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of five hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of paying Enoch Thorn, for the use of his patented Culvert Ventilators, as far as the same have been constructed and used by the City. Provided the proper release and discharge of the City from all claim or demand, on the part of the said Thorn, be first executed to the City, under the direction of the City Solicitor.

SEC. 2. That hereafter, whenever the City of Philadelphia shall construct and use the said Culvert Ventilator, patented by said Thorn, the said City shall pay to the said Thorn, or his legal representative, the sum of four dollars for each and every one so constructed and used, during the continuance of his patent.

SEC. 3. The Chief Engineer and Surveyor is hereby authorized and empowered to draw a warrant for the said \$500, whenever the proper release and discharge is executed, as above provided for, and shall also draw such warrants as may be necessary under the provisions of the second section of this act, from time to time as may be necessary.

APPENDIX No. 77.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Claims, to whom

was referred bills and accounts of Samuel Allen, Esq., late Sheriff, report that they have had the same under consideration, and have concluded to return the same to Common Council, and recommend its reference to the Committee on Law; and also have duly considered the claim of Edward L. Spain of four hundred dollars and two cents, for services as Surveyor, and report adverse to the payment of the same, and offer the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

J. G. SORVER, *Chairman*,
SAMUEL STEVENSON,
JOHN R. BROWNHOLTZ,
SAMUEL H. MECUTCHEN,
RICHD. PARKER.

Dec. 18, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 78.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE ACCOUNTS OF F. KNOX MORTON, CITY TREASURER.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee appointed under the following resolution, viz: "Resolved, that a Special Committee of five be appointed for the purpose of examining all books, papers, vouchers, warrants, and other accounts in the office of the City Treasurer; in whose favor the warrants are drawn and to whom paid; also, the amount received by the Treasurer from the various departments of the city; also, the amount received from each department separately, and the amounts paid out by the Treasurer upon each appropriation, to whom paid, the date of payment; and that the Committee send for persons and papers in making said examination"—passed at a Stated Meeting of Councils, held on the 11th of September last, have had under consideration the subject given them in charge by the said resolution, and thereupon they present the following report:

Soon after their appointment they held a meeting and passed a resolution, requesting the City Controller to furnish them with a list of warrants countersigned by him during the period from the first day of June until the first day of September of the present year.

At the time this resolution was adopted the Committee were not informed, or aware of the amount of labor or time it would require to make up this list, and after some weeks' delay, being, meanwhile, informed on the subject, the chairman withdrew from the Controller the resolution. The Committee then proceeded to subpoena and examine several brokers, who were known to have purchased city warrants. These gentlemen all readily appeared in obedience to the subpoenas and were examined under oath. Their testimony, as well as that of all the other witnesses examined, was written down by a member of the Committee, and is submitted with this report.

Subsequently to the examination of the brokers, a sub-committee was appointed, which met at the office of the City Treasurer, and proceeded to examine his books, containing the entries of warrants paid. This examination elicited a fact not previously within the knowledge of the members of the committee—that the warrants are not entered in a book on the day they are paid, but that the whole number paid during a week are entered together under the heads of the several departments by which the warrants were drawn. For instance, all the warrants paid during the week commencing with Monday, the 1st, and ending with Saturday, the 6th of September, 1856, are entered together, under the heading of "Highways, Police, Poor, Prisons," &c. These entries are supposed to be made on the Monday or Tuesday of the week following that in which the warrants are paid, and contain the number of the warrant, the name of the person in whose favor it is drawn, and the amount. These weekly entries are sometimes—perhaps, very soon after they are made—examined and verified by the City Controller.

At this examination of the 'Treasurers' books the sub-committee made a memorandum of several war-

rants entered, as having been paid between the 1st and 8th, the 8th and 16th, and the 16th and the 23rd of September, 1856, and a few others paid at different periods during the month of August.

The Committee then subpoenaed several persons, in whose favor some of these warrants were drawn, and examined them as to the time they had received the warrants, and the manner in which they had disposed of them. Their testimony was also written down, and is submitted with this report.

Mr. Wm. C. Flanigen, the Chief Clerk in the Treasury Department, was then subpoenaed, for the purpose of enabling him to explain if he desired to do so, the transaction in the nature of a loan mentioned by Mr. H. A. Charter, in his testimony. His narrative, taken under oath, is also submitted. The testimony in each case was read over to the witness and its correctness approved.

The Committee then sent twice a subpoena to Mr. Joseph R. Flanigen, but he peremptorily refused to appear before them, and they then closed their examination of witnesses.

The testimony taken shows conclusively that Mr. Joseph R. Flanigen, one of the proprietors of the newspaper known as the Daily News, who is a brother of Wm. C. Flanigen, the chief clerk and paying officer in the Treasury Department, was a large operator in City warrants.

Mr. Reuben Manley says, "My son Charles would go down to Mr. Flanigen, at the Newspaper office. He would make a bargain that if the warrants had been purchased at 8 per centum, he would take them at $7\frac{3}{4}$, and if they were purchased at less, he would take them at a quarter per centum less than the market rate. We have given him nearly \$1,900 in one day."

Mr. John C. Plish, clerk of Mr. Manley, says, "Mr. M., in his business as a broker, has purchased a large amount of City warrants. I delivered nearly all that were sold. Delivered a considerable amount, on many different days, to Mr. Joseph R. Flanigen. This was during the past summer. The checks received for the

Warrants were Joseph R. Flanigen's, on the City Bank, Pennsylvania Bank, and one or two on the Girard Bank."

Charles Manley says:—"We have sold to J. R. Flanigen some thousands of dollars of Warrants during the month of August; sold him some thousand a day. After he refused our Warrants, I have seen Work and Young's paper upon his desk."

It appears from the testimony that there was a quarrel between them, because Manley sued the city, after which Flanigen ceased dealing with Manley, but continued to operate with the house of Work, Young & M'Couch, No. 24 South Third Street.

Mr. Samuel Work, of this firm, was called and testifies to dealing largely in warrants; that he sold them generally at the counter, could not remember an instance in which they had sold them otherwise than at the counter. And he refused positively to answer whether he had ever received any orders to buy from Joseph R. Flanigen; whether he had ever sold him any warrants, or whether he had any acquaintance with or knew him.

From this testimony it is very evident that Mr. Joseph R. Flanigen made large purchases of city warrants, at about a fourth of one per cent. less than the usual market rates. What his means of operation were, and what disposition he made of the warrants, are questions which the Committee are willing to leave for the consideration of Councils.

But the testimony of the witnesses in whose favor warrants were drawn, has a more important bearing upon the matter, concerning which the committee were appointed to inquire.

In the examination made of the Treasurer's books, it was ascertained that warrant No. 1359, of the Highway Department, in favor of Wm. H. Boyce, for \$167 17 had been paid between the first and sixth of September.

Mr. Boyce, in his testimony says, that he remembers receiving a warrant from the Highway Department about the end of August. It was for about \$150 ;

did not recollect the precise amount. When he received it from the department he took it to the Controller, had it countersigned, and then presented it at the counter of the Treasurer for the money; was told they could not pay it, because there was no money. He then took it to a broker and sold it at $8\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. discount.

The books also show the payment within the same period of warrants Nos. 1,358 and 1,384, of the Highway Department, in favor of John Layer—the first for \$384 75, and the other for \$62.

With regard to these warrants Mr. Layer says:—“I remember receiving a warrant from the Highway Department in the latter part of August; it was for money to pay the men; I received it at the same time that I received my salary warrant; cannot remember the precise amount, but am sure it was over \$350; it, with my salary warrant for \$62, received at the same time, was over \$400; *it was on the first of September* that I received both warrants from the department.” He then testifies that he presented both warrants to the Treasurer, was refused payment, and that he sold them to a broker at eight per centum discount.

Warrant No. 1,362, from the same department, in favor of John Kelsh, for \$484 62, appears upon the books as having been paid within the same period, and Mr. Kelsh testifies to the same circumstances of presenting it at the Treasury—being refused payment—selling it to a broker in the like manner as the two previous witnesses.

Warrant No. 1,361, of the same department, in favor of Silas Supplee, for \$271 81, appears upon the books as having been paid between August 25th and August 30th, and on reference to the warrant book of the Highway Department its date was found to be August 27th, which was Wednesday, and it was probably not issued until Thursday or Friday, the 28th or 29th, and it was certainly paid on Saturday, the 30th, if not before.

Mr. Supplee testifies to the same proceeding of presenting this warrant, being refused payment, and sel-

ling it to a broker, as the previous witnesses, and the testimony of John Hassan and Wilson Hansell is cumulative upon the same point.

The Committee had memorandums of warrants issued by other departments, paid within the same periods, but they did not deem it necessary to take any further testimony.

The Committee submit herewith a statement from the City Controller, showing the receipts and payments by the Treasurer during each week, commencing with August 11th, and ending with October 31st, from which it appears by the recapitulation at the end thereof, that the aggregate receipts of the Treasurer during this period, from all sources, were \$558,231 45, and the payments during the same period were \$505,167 07. By the same statement, the balance in the Treasury, at the end of each week, are exhibited. According to this statement, the balance on the 11th of August was \$59,921 64. The smallest was on the 18th of August, being \$43,966 19, from which period they gradually increased in amount, varying occasionally, until the 31st of October, when it was \$92,934 10.

The Committee regret that Mr. Joseph R. Flanigen did not see proper to appear before them in response to their subpoena. Had he done so, he could no doubt have explained in what manner he disposed of the large amount of warrants which, by the testimony adduced, appears to have come into his hands in pursuance of his own orders to purchase them. But his refusal to appear, and the refusal of Mr. Work to testify in any manner concerning any transactions with him, joined with the fact that warrants were presented at the counter of the Treasury on one day by the legitimate holder and payment refused, while on the next or second day thereafter, and after they had been sold to a broker, they will be found in the Treasury Department paid, the Committee think fully warrant them in drawing the inference that Mr. Flanigen's purchase of warrants were made under or pursuant to an arrangement with the City Treasurer, or some person in his office,

by which all warrants purchased by Mr. Flanigen were to be paid immediately upon presentation.

The scheme or arrangement would appear to be this: "A warrant would be drawn by the Highway Department in favor of a Supervisor, to pay the men at work on the roads, for, we will suppose, the sum of \$500. The officer, in whose favor it was drawn, would immediately present it at the Treasury, and payment would be refused. The wants of the laborers being pressing, the Supervisor would proceed to a broker's office, and sell it at $8\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. discount, and with the proceeds would pay the workmen, deducting the discount from each one's share. The broker, at 3 o'clock, would probably take all the warrants he had purchased during the day, to Mr. Joseph R. Flanigen, and receive his check for them at a fourth of one per cent. less than the current discount, and on the same afternoon, or probably the next morning, Mr. Flanigen would receive from the City Treasurer, or some one in the office, the money for the warrants, in time to deposit it to meet the check he had given.

Thus Mr. Flanigen, or the City Treasurer, or some one connected with the office, would realize a profit of forty dollars upon a five hundred dollar warrant, while the workman who had toiled for his wages, would be shaved to the extent of $8\frac{1}{2}$ or 9 per cent. of the sum he had earned.

As before stated, the payments of the City Treasurer, from the 11th of August to the 31st of October, amounted to \$505,167 07. Of this amount there was paid for loans and interest on loans the sum of \$63,139 24, leaving the sum paid by him on warrants, for the ordinary expenses of government \$442,027 83 making an average of about \$5,820 for each working day; and it is a striking and important circumstance, that while this large sum being paid daily on account of ordinary expenses, your Committee were not informed of a single instance in which a warrant was within the period referred to, paid promptly on its presentation.

And it is also a striking and important fact, that

while the City Treasurer was each day refusing payment of nearly, if not quite, every warrant that was presented, his weekly returns to the Controller show an average balance in his hands of over \$68,000 during the whole of the said period.

The Committee submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted by

ISAAC LEECH, Jr., Ch'n,	} Committee.
CHAS. F. ISEMINGER,	
ANDREW MILLER.	

Philadelphia, Dec. 18, 1856.

TESTIMONY.

Monday Oct. 20, 1856,—2½ o'clock, P. M.—Committee met—Leech, Miller, Booth, Iseminger, and Elliott present, and proceeded to examine the following witnesses.

Reuben Manley, sworn.—The Chairman of the Committee stated to the witness the object of the investigation.

I have purchased, in the course of my business—as a broker, a considerable amount, from time to time, say several thousand dollars of City warrants. In answer to the question, “how have you disposed of them?” the witness said—My son Charles would go down to Mr. Flanigen, at the newspaper office; he would make a bargain that if the warrants had been purchased by me at 8 per cent., he would take them at $7\frac{3}{4}$, and if they were purchased at less, he would take them at a quarter per cent. less than the market rate. I think he generally paid us for the warrants in a check upon the Girard Bank, once or twice on the Bank of Pennsylvania. I think the checks were his own:

When we sent down to Mr. F., he did not name any amount that he would take. We have given him nearly \$1,900 in one day. We generally sent them to him the same day or the day after we purchased them. It depended upon our need of money. Have not sold him any for two or three months; since then I have

disposed of them to Messrs. Work & Young, at one-eighth advance. Have never sold any directly to the City Treasurer. I do not know anything else that I deem important.

John C. Plish, sworn.—Am a clerk to Mr. Manley. Mr. Manley, in his business as a broker, has purchased a large amount of City warrants.

I delivered nearly all the warrants that were sold. Delivered a considerable amount on many different days, to Mr. Joseph R. Flanigen. This was during the past summer. I cannot state the exact months; it was not as early as April, and did not continue later than the last of August.

Mr. Flanigen took the warrants indiscriminately. He did not make any distinction with the regard to the department that had drawn them.

The Checks received for the warrants were Jos. R. Flanigen's—on the City Bank, Pennsylvania Bank, and one or two on the Girard Bank. Does not know anything else that is deemed important.

Henry A. Charter, sworn.—Chairman stated to witness the object of the investigation. Am a broker in 10 South Third street, have bought a great many City warrants. Bought about \$15,000 in March to fill an order for City loan; could not get the loan, and had the warrants thrown on my hands. Called repeatedly on the Treasurer and told him I could not carry so heavy an amount in warrants. Told him if he could not pay me fifty one hundred and some odd dollars, he must give me a loan. There was about \$300 interest due on them. Mr. Flanigen after consulting with Dr. Morton agreed to loan me \$5,000 for a week, with the privilege of keeping the warrants for the face of them; when I went to take up the loan, he said the warrants I left had become mixed up with other warrants, and I agreed to settle by taking the face of the warrants. The same day he paid me about \$800 or \$900 in cash, paying me the face of the warrants. The exact amount of the \$5,000 transaction was \$5,160 83, and the time, according to a memorandum from my

books, was May 1, 1856. The payment was, I think, in Girard Bank notes.

The payment of \$800 or \$900 I have referred to, was on the 8th of May; at that time he agreed to redeem for me not less than \$500 a week, until the whole amount I then had was paid. He never paid me any other amounts, except perhaps a warrant or two for a small amount.

After the Treasurer refused to pay according to his contract with me, I sued the City on some sixty warrants, and got judgment; the cost to the City was considerable. I then recovered both principal and interest. Mr. Morton was consulted in regard to these transactions.

William Oakford, affirmed.—Mr. Bird, a police officer, left a warrant with me. I received the money for it the next morning after I received the warrant; I gave the warrant to Mr. William C. Flanigen; he sent the money to me in an envelope at 10 o'clock.

Chas. Manley sworn.—Am in the employ of Reuben Manley; sold to J. R. Flanigen some thousands of dollars of City warrants during the month of August; sold him some thousand a day. After he refused our warrants, I have seen Work & Young's paper upon his desk. Mr. Flanigen bought the warrants in the back office; he paid me by checks on the City, Pennsylvania, and Girard Banks; if his check was not paid at the time, he came up and paid it. He did not refuse taking them until father sued the City. Flanigen sent for me, and wanted to know why it was I had sued the City, and stated he could make some arrangement by which we could be paid without suing the City.

Friday, October 24, 1856. Committee met. Present —Messrs. Booth, Iseminger and Miller.

Samuel Work, sworn.—Am a broker, 24 South Third street; have been engaged in the purchase of City warrants ever since they have been below par, about a year or more. Have purchased them at various rates of discount; as low as 3 per cent. and as high

as 12 per cent.; the fair average price would be about from 6 to 8 per cent.; made no distinction in the warrants we purchased; did not know any difference as to the departments; they would accumulate on our hands sometimes; have had as high as \$7,000 or \$8,000 at one time. We enter them as we purchase them, in what we call our counter book; cannot give any accurate estimate as to the whole quantity purchased.

We have sold them sometimes, perhaps most generally, at the counter. Mr. Young, my partner, is a member of the Brokers' Board, and we have sometimes sold them there; cannot name a case in which we have sold them otherwise than at the counter.

Ques.—Are you acquainted with Joseph R. Flanigen?

Ans.—I decline to answer this question.

Q.—Have you ever sold any City warrants to Joseph R. Flanigen?

A.—I prefer not answering that question.

Q.—Are you acquainted with Wm. C. Flanigen, the Clerk in the City Treasurer's Office?

A.—I decline answering that question.

Q.—Have you ever sold any warrants to Wm. C. Flanigen, the clerk in the City Treasurer's Office?

A.—No, never to my knowledge.

Q.—Have you ever had any transactions in relation to City warrants with W. C. Flanigen?

A.—Never.

Q.—Are you acquainted with Dr. Morton, City Treasurer?

A.—No, Sir.

My reasons for declining to answer the above questions are, that we are not in the habit of naming our customers, or those with whom we deal. The etiquette among brokers prevents us from naming those with whom we do business.

Q.—Have you ever had any arrangement with any parties whereby those parties were to take warrants off your hands.

A.—We have in a number of cases received orders to buy.

Q.—From whom have you received these orders to purchase warrants.

A.—I do not think it proper to give the names of the parties.

Q.—Have you ever received any orders from Joseph R. Flanigen for the purchase of City warrants?

A.—I do not think it proper to give the name of any parties.

Q.—At what rate have you disposed of City warrants, generally.

A.—That would be difficult to tell, but generally, at from a quarter to one per cent. advance on what we gave for them; one-fourth per cent. was most generally the advance. We have had a number of men with whom we have operated; have not confined ourselves to a single operator. I know J. R. Flanigen by reputation.

Q.—Do you know that J. R. Flanigen is in the habit of purchasing City warrants?

A.—This question I decline to answer.

Witness dismissed.

Thomas H. Tuttle, affirmed.—Am a broker, 36 South Third street; have purchased City warrants; have purchased them since November of last year; have purchased them as low as $2\frac{1}{2}$, and as high as 12 per cent. discount; not many at 12.

Did not permit them to accumulate; the largest quantity I ever had at one time was about \$5,000. They were bought for an order. Generally, we would not have a large amount on hand. We disposed of them by selling them to people who would come into the office. Some I have bought for an estate for an investment. The order of \$5,000 was for Dr. Leib's estate, and are still held by his heirs.

Never received any orders from Joseph R. Flanigen; am not acquainted with him. Never furnished any orders to either Joseph R. or Wm. C. Flanigen. The warrants I purchased were taken up in the City Loan, and those purchased since are held by the parties still. I have sold to a man named Gordon; he buys and sells stocks and warrants. Witness dismissed.

William Curtis, sworn.—Am deputy naval officer of the Port of Philadelphia; have bought City warrants; about last January I bought the first; still buy them whenever I have any money to spare. The amount of my purchases have been small, not exceeding in the whole \$1,000. I have disposed of them, some by selling, and some by waiting until I saw a chance to get the money; have sold to different parties; never sold any to brokers. The principal amount that I bought was for John S. Heiss; never sold any to Joseph R. Flanigen; never had any dealings with him in warrants; never sold any warrants to Wm. C. Flanigen; Wm. C. Flanigen has got warrants from me; I owed him a debt, and have given him City warrants in part payment. Of the warrants that I have purchased I think I have not received more than three at the counter of the City Treasurer; I cannot distinctly remember, but I think not more than three.

Q.—Of the amount you have purchased, what proportion has been paid to you at the counter of the City Treasurer?

A.—That I can't tell: it may not have been more than \$100. I always received the full amount from the Treasurer. Witness dismissed.

Monday, Nov. 3, 1856, 2 o'clock P. M. Present—
Messrs. Leech, Booth, Iseminger and Miller.

Wm. H. Boyce, sworn.—Am Supervisor of 13th and 14th Wards; I remember receiving a warrant from the Highway Department about the end of August last; the amount was somewhere about \$150, do not remember the precise amount; think I did not receive any other warrant than this during the month of August; my salary warrant was not drawn until the 1st of September; that was for \$48; the warrant that I have spoken of for about \$150, was to pay the men; am not certain whether there was two or one warrant drawn in my favor to pay the men during the month of August; when I received it from the department I took it to the Controller and had it countersigned, then presented it

at the counter of the Treasurer for payment. The clerk at the counter took his stamp and stamped it; I asked him for the money; he said there was none; this was on the day I received the warrant from the department. I then took it to a broker and sold it; the first warrant I sold was to Manley, Third and Chestnut, and I think the one I have referred to was the first; I paid $8\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. discount, this was the lowest discount; I have paid as high as eleven per cent. on other warrants. The warrants drawn in my favor to pay the men were for the exact amount they had earned. When I paid them they each allowed their portion of the discount.

John Layer, sworn.—Am Supervisor of First Ward, eastern section; I remember receiving a warrant from the Highway Department in the latter part of August; it was for money to pay the men; I received it at the same time that I received my salary warrant; cannot remember the precise amount, but am sure it was over \$350; it, with my salary warrant, for \$62 00, received at the time, was over \$400; it was on the first of September that I received both warrants from the department. When I received the warrants from the department I went to the Controller and had them countersigned, then went to the counter of the Treasurer and he stamped them. I asked him for the money; he said he had none; went to Manley, at Third and Chestnut; he wanted 8 per cent.; did not want to give that and went to other offices; finally sold both warrants for 8 per cent. discount; can't tell the name of the broker I sold it to; paid the men the amount they had earned, with 8 per cent. discount off; the laboring men were to receive \$1 25 per day; pavers \$1 87; rammers \$1 50; carters, one-horse cart, \$2 50.

John Hassan, sworn.—Am Supervisor of First Ward, western section; I remember receiving a warrant from the Highway Department about the 11th of September for about the sum of \$275; can't remember the precise amount; I remember also receiving one for the precise sum of \$406 62; this last one I think I received at the same time I received my salary warrant, amount-

ing to about sixty odd dollars; this was on or about the first of September; took them to the Controller when I received them, and had them countersigned; then went to the counter of the Treasurer and asked for the money; the clerk stamped them and handed them back to me; I asked him for the money; said he could not pay them—had no money; asked some two or three people about the best place to sell them; this was when I had the warrant for \$406 62; everybody said Work, Young & Co., was the best place, and I went there and sold it; they cashed the men's warrant for 8 per cent. and my own at $7\frac{1}{2}$; after I presented the warrants at the counter for payment, it was two or three days before I sold them. When I paid the men I told them I had paid 8 per cent. discount, and they agreed to allow it off their wages.

John Kelsh, sworn.—Am supervisor of Fifth and Sixth Wards, 4th District; Remember receiving a warrant from the Highway Department about the end of August, for \$484, and some cents; it was to pay the men; when I received it, I took it to the Controller to get it countersigned. Then took it to Mr. Flanigen, the Treasurer's clerk, and he stamped it. When he had stamped it, I asked him if he could not pay it? and he said no, there was no money. I then took it to Work, McCouch & Co., and sold it for 8 per cent. discount. It might have been two or three days after I received it from the Department before I sold it. Am sure it was not a week.

Silas Supplee, sworn.—Am one of the Supervisors 24th Ward. Remember receiving a warrant for between two and three hundred dollars, from the Highway department, to pay the men.

This was the second warrant I received for that purpose; it was about the 27th of August, and I am pretty certain that \$271 81 was the amount. Took it to the Controller and had it countersigned; then I took it to the Treasurer's Office, he put a stamp on it, and said he had no money to pay it with. Next morning I went in at 6 o'clock, and was at the counter the seventh one. They were paying police warrants; when

I handed him mine, he handed it back, saying "he could not pay such large ones." Went the next morning to Work & Co., brokers, in 3d street, below Chestnut, and sold it at, I think, 9 per cent. discount, am not positive but think it was nine per cent.

Wilson Hansell, sworn.—I received a warrant from the Highway Department, some time about the 1st of Sept. for \$124 68. I presented it to the Controller, and then took it to the City Treasurer, and he refused to pay it, and I then took it, the same time, to Work, Young & McCouch, and sold it at 8 per cent. off. I never received any money from the Treasurer for my salary or pay roll. I have received pay for small warrants two or three dollars at a time.

Friday, Nov. 14th.

Wm. C. Flanigen, affirmed.—The testimony of H. A. Charter was read to him.—Mr. Charter called at the office; I think it was in the latter part of April, and represented that he held about \$20,000 worth of warrants. That he was seriously embarrassed in consequence of it; and that a large amount of property would have to be sacrificed if he could not realize it; and I inferred from his remarks that his property was in the hands of the Sheriff. His statements were such as led me to believe he was in serious difficulty. I had no personal acquaintance with Mr. Charter then; did not know he was a broker; he solicited the payment of \$5,000 of the warrants. I suggested the necessity of his bringing in a few hundred dollars every few days as a measure of relief to him, and thought that we might be able to reach the amount that he might need; he left, and I understood the arrangement was satisfactory to him. A few days after his young man brought down several thousand dollars worth of warrants; don't know the exact amount; I declined paying them, and stated what the arrangement was, that he was to send in a few hundred dollars worth every few days. I should have stated, that after he left the office at the time I have referred to, I learned from Mr. Leidy, a clerk in the office, that that was Mr. Charter, a broker up the street.

A few days after he sent his young man, he called himself; this was in the fore part of May; and wished the money for \$5,331 95 worth of warrants, which he had with him. He reiterated the same lamentations of distress which he did on the first occasion, and begged the payment of the warrants. I objected to paying them for several reasons, among which were—the amount was large, and that Mr. Charter was then suing the City, which in my opinion brokers ought not to do, and because other brokers would make the same demands.

He said that he was in a difficulty that day, and would have to suffer if he did not realize the amount, and proposed that we should give him the amount of the warrants; and let it be considered a loan, so as to get over the difficulty of making a precedent, and said he would come in on the following Monday, and if we then wished it, he would refund the money and take the warrants back; and proposed further to withdraw all the suits he had commenced against the City, and pay the costs on them; and that for the value of the warrants he held, or any which would come into his possession thereafter, he would quietly wait the convenience of the City to pay them. I consulted the Treasurer about it, and we concluded to pay him the amount of warrants I have mentioned, \$5331 95. These warrants were mostly old ones, and the interest amounted to about from, say between \$200 and \$300. I gave Mr. Charter a check for the money on the Bank of Northern Liberties, and produce the check, in corroboration, with his endorsement.

Check of F. Knox Morton, City Treasurer, on Bank Northern Liberties, date May 8, 1856, payable to "63" for \$5,331 95. Endorsed Henry A. Charter.

The following Monday Mr. Charter called; I told him the warrants had been put with the others, and it was useless to disturb them, and he appeared to be satisfied. A few days afterwards Mr. Charter sent another batch of warrants; I declined paying them, saying to his messenger, we had done all we could for Mr. Charter; he then commenced suing again. A few days after

that he called personally, and solicited some arrangements with regard to other warrants. I replied that we were done with him; that he had violated arrangements already made, and we declined having any thing further to do with him,—for several weeks, at least, I should have said. When we had negotiated nearly the whole of the million loan, we stopped issuing it, for the purpose of comparing our accounts with the Certificate Book, Stock Book and Controller's account. We found the Controller's account and ours did not agree, and it was necessary to trace back in order to find the error. This investigation occupied several weeks. At the close of it we found there was some loan not yet taken. We sent word to the nearest broker. I think it was Manley; and he brought us a sufficient quantity of warrants to take the balance. I do not remember of Mr. Charter having applied for Loan. If he did so, and did not get it, it was, I presume, while the investigation I have spoken of was going on. Any one who applied could have obtained Loan in the month of March.

Monday, November 17, 1856.

Present—Messrs. Leech, Booth and Miller.

James Magner was called and sworn.—Am Messenger to Common Council. Served a subpœna on Joseph R. Flanigen, in the back room of the office of the Daily News. It was served either on Monday or Tuesday, the 10th or 11th of November, to appear before the Committee on Wednesday, the 12th, at 2½ o'clock, P. M. He kind of laughed at it, and, I think, said he could not come at that time.

DEPARTMENT OF CITY TREASURER, }
 GIRARD BANK, Philada., Sept. 18, 1856. }

To Messrs. Isaac Leech, Jr., Andrew Miller, Charles Iseminger, Edmund Booth and William Elliott.

GENTLEMEN—In answer to the resolution of Common Council, adopted the 11th inst., which was placed in my hands on the 16th inst., by Mr. Leech, informing me of your appointment as a Committee to examine all books, papers, vouchers, &c., in the office of the City Treasurer, I respectfully reply, That while I do not recognize the legal right of one branch of Councils to appoint such Committee, still a proper regard for the public, and my own self-respect, induced me to inform you that I am ready to afford your Committee any facility in my power to aid you in your investigation whenever you are ready to commence your labors; and believe me to be

Yours truly,

F. KNOX MORTON.

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
 Philada., Nov. 10, 1856. }

ISAAC LEECH, ESQ.,

Chairman Special Committee of Common Council:

DEAR SIR:—In compliance with the request in your note of the 6th inst., I herewith furnish a statement of the weekly receipts and disbursements by the City Treasurer, since the first day of August, ultimo,—which statements are predicated upon the Treasurer's Official Reports, and Records of this Department.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

S. TAYLOR,
 City Controller.

STATEMENT OF THE WEEKLY RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF
THE CITY TREASURER.

DEPARTMENTS, INSTITUTIONS &c.	RECEIVED FROM.	PAID TO.	BAL. IN TREAS.
<i>Aug. 11, 1856.</i>			
Receiver of Taxes,	\$25,346 77	\$208 33	
Dept. supplying Water,	2,814 13	3,420 51	
“ Market Houses,	8,300 00	120 83	
“ Highways,	449 09	2,203 17	
“ City Property,	242 42	502 82	
“ Board of Health,	736 55	228 17	
Dept. Wharves & Landings,	1,872 75		
Law Department,	521 35		
Fines and Penalties,	258 00		
Gunpowder License,	5 00		
Interest to Loanholders,		7,228 35	
Department Police,		1,687 00	
Controllors Public Schools,		237 50	
Dept. City Commissioners,		994 97	
Guardians of the Poor,		227 07	
Department Surveys,		425 01	
Inspectors of the Prisons,		1,173 22	
	\$40,546 06	\$18,656 95	\$59,921 64
<i>Aug. 18, 1856.</i>			
Receiver of Taxes,	9,580 20	456 13	
Dept. Supplying Water,	832 74	1,625 24	
“ Wharves & Landings,	1,631 25	66 67	
“ Highways,	500 93	4,429 20	
“ Law,	717 48	1,639 75	
“ City Property,	47 51	292 76	
Fines and Penalties,	7 75		
Gunpowder License,	15 00		
Loans to Loanholders,		800 00	
Interest to “		3,155 97	
Dept. Police,		3,444 98	
“ City Commissioners,		6,007 76	
“ Surveys,		203 00	
“ Market Houses,		493 01	
“ Clerks of Councils,		194 70	

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DEPARTMENTS, INSTITUTIONS, &c.	RECEIVED FROM.	PAID TO.	BAL. IN TREAS.
Dept. City Controller,		27 53	
Controllors Public Schools,		758 04	
Guardians of the Poor,		2,436 70	
Board of Health,		502 80	
Inspectors of the Prison,		2,133 97	
Fire Department		538 21	
Trustees City Ice Boat,		81 89	
	\$13,332 86	\$29,288 31	\$43,966 19
<i>Aug. 25, 1856.</i>			
Receiver of Taxes,	9,666 13	186 11	
Dept. Supplying Water,	1,256 75	789 10	
“ Highways,	992 96	1,310 49	
“ Law,	279 26	4 00	
“ Wharves & Landings,	31 25	46 00	
Board of Health,	290 75	145 15	
Gunpowder License,	15 00		
Interest to Loanholders,		2,571 63	
“ on Warrants,		351 68	
Dept. of Police,		1,670 77	
“ City Commissioners,		1,177 17	
“ City Property,		106 64	
Controllors Public Schools,		716 24	
Guardians of the Poor,		402 28	
Inspectors of the Prison,		319 81	
Trustees City Ice Boat.		10 00	
	\$12,532 10	\$9,807 07	\$46,691 22
<i>Sept. 1, 1856.</i>			
Receiver of Taxes,	17,072 19	829 21	
Dept. Supplying Water,	7,299 42	332 32	
“ Law,	377 60		
“ Highways,	320 75	1,200 85	
“ Police,		2,149 97	

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DEPARTMENTS, INSTITUTIONS, &c.	RECEIVED FROM.	PAID TO.	BAL. IN TREAS.
Dept. City Commissioners,		1,595 45	
“ City Property,		67 36	
“ City Controller,		655 33	
“ Wharves & Landings,		66 67	
“ Clerks of Councils,		15 00	
Board of Health,	190 25	419 82	
Guardians of the Poor,		153 90	
Inspectors of the Prison,		58 33	
Controllers Public Schools,		176 64	
Sinking Fund N.W. R. Road	120 00		
“ “ Gas Works,	297 00		
“ “ Sunbury and			
Erie R. R.,	27 00		
Sinking Fund Road Dama-			
ges,	3 00		
Sinking Fund Certain Obli-			
gations,	36 00		
Gunpowder License,	5 00		
Fines and Penalties,	49 50		
Interest to Loanholders.		2,789 29	
	\$25,797 71	\$10,510 14	\$61,978 79
<i>Sept. 8, 1856.</i>			
Receiver of Taxes,	20,177 92		
Dept. Supplying Water.	10,434 23	1,104 45	
“ Highways,	749 35	2,485 70	
“ City Property,	248 85	244 39	
“ Law,	248 07	45 00	
“ Wharves & Landings,	200 00		
Board of Health,	451 99	584 84	
Gunpowder License,	15 00		
Fines and Penalties,	484 36		
Loans to Loanholders,		1,704 00	
Interest to “		1,955 43	
Dept. Police,		1,870 26	

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DEPARTMENTS, INSTITUTIONS, &c.	RECEIVED FROM.	PAID TO.	BAL. IN TREAS.
Dept. City Commissioners,		923 54	
“ City Controller,		76 66	
“ Clerks of Councils,		17 00	
“ Surveys,		300 00	
“ Market Houses,		266 66	
Controllors Public Schools,		441 86	
Guardians of the Poor,		3,959 04	
Inspectors of the Prison,		1,120 84	
Fire Department.		485 53	
	\$33,009 77	\$17,585 20	\$77,403 36
<i>Sept. 15, 1856.</i>			
Receiver of Taxes,	11,599 04	868 87	
Dept. Supplying Water,	2,100 19	895 46	
“ Highways,	72 23	1,781 39	
Board of Health,	259 25	511 04	
Sheriff,	1,163 75		
Dept. of Law,	73 95		
Gunpowder License,	35 00		
Fines and Penalties,	38 60		
Loans to Loanholders,		3,300 00	
Interest to “		1,447 82	
“ on Warrants,		6 80	
Dept. Police,		12,094 81	
“ City Commissioners,		1,298 28	
“ City Property,		299 18	
“ Clerks of Councils,		802 86	
“ Surveys,		375 00	
Controllors Public Schools,		1,576 94	
Guardians of the Poor,		611 50	
Fire Department.		119 25	
	\$15,342 01	\$25,989 20	\$66,756 17
<i>Sept. 22, 1856.</i>			
Receiver of Taxes,	11,765 00	12 05	

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DEPARTMENTS, INSTITUTIONS, &C.	RECEIVED FROM.	PAID TO.	BAL. IN TREAS.
Dept. Supplying Water,	743 08	1.067 67	
“ Highways,	225 98	1.425 68	
“ Wharves & Landings,	852 50	24 89	
“ Law,	405 77	98 93	
Board of Health,	223 66	558 10	
Gunpowder License,	5 00		
Loans to Loanholders,		5 100 00	
Interest to “		1.483 15	
Dept. Police,		6.220 80	
“ City Commissioners,		1.224 79	
“ City Property,		128 83	
“ City Councils,		656 65	
“ Surveys,		146 12	
“ Market Houses,		24 99	
“ City Controller,		12 00	
Controllers Public Schools,		895 43	
Guardians of the Poor,		346 67	
Fire Department,		466 66	
	\$14.220 99	\$19.893 41	\$61,083 75
Oct. 1, 1856.			
Receiver of Taxes,	22,821 41		
Dept. Supplying Water,	4,202 43	596 13	
“ Highways,	852 86	3.262 64	
“ Wharves & Landings,	25 00		
“ Law,	153 26		
Board of Health,	414 50	174 70	
Gunpowder License,	5 00		
Fines and Penalties,	16 00		
Loans to Loanholders,		1.200 00	
Interest to “		1 897 19	
Dept. Police,		9.918 53	
“ City Commissioners,		625 32	
“ City Property,		138 64	
“ Clerks of Councils,		320 47	

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DEPARTMENTS, INSTITUTIONS, &c.	RECEIVED FROM.	PAID TO.	BAL. IN TREAS.
Dept. Surveys,		76 67	
“ City Treasurer,		1.937 50	
“ City Controller,		749 95	
Controllers Public Schools,		4.156 59	
Guardians of the Poor,		2.579 01	
Fire Department.		375 00	
	\$28.490 46	\$28.008 34	\$61,565 87
<i>Oct. 6, 1856.</i>			
Receiver of Taxes,	26.140 49	758 30	
Dept. Supplying Water,	1.987 11	1.056 78	
“ Law,	47 10		
“ City Property,	1.050 14	372 25	
Gunpowder License,	10 00		
Fines and Penalties,	77 79		
Loans to Loanholders,		5 100 00	
Interest to “		1.346 08	
Dept. Police,		3.132 23	
“ Highways,		1.499 01	
“ City Commissioners,		403 25	
“ Clerks of Councils,		33 30	
“ Surveys,		358 34	
“ City Controllers,		10 00	
“ Wharves & Landings,		66 66	
Controllers Public Schools,		2.178 82	
Board of Health,		363 00	
Guardians of the Poor,		180 79	
Inspectors of the Prison,		425 00	
Fire Department.		350 83	
	\$29.312 63	\$17.634 64	\$73,243 86
<i>Oct. 13, 1856.</i>			
Receiver of Taxes,	25.290 28		
Dept. Supplying Water,	2.460 46	1.163 78	

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DEPARTMENTS, INSTITUTIONS, &c.	RECEIVED FROM.	PAID TO.	BAL. IN TREAS.
Dept. Highways,	536 33	5,837 14	
“ Law.	530 33		
Board of Health,	509 10	480 66	
Gunpowder License,	15 00		
Fines and Penalties,	279 84		
Loans to Loanholders,		300 00	
Interest to “		2,837 76	
Dept. Police,		3,435 92	
“ City Commissioners,		665 95	
“ City Property,		210 58	
“ Clerks of Councils,		120 00	
“ Surveys,		54 75	
“ Market Houses,		54 16	
Controllers Public Schools,		3,563 07	
Guardians of the Poor,		404 04	
Inspectors of the Prison,		408 35	
Fire Department,		949 99	
Lighting of the City,		90 00	
	\$29,621 34	\$20,576 15	\$82,289 05
<i>Oct. 20, 1856.</i>			
Receiver of Taxes,	16,833 00	82 72	
Dept. Supplying Water,	2,027 15	412 67	
“ Highways,	106 29	1,628 54	
“ Market Houses,	900 00		
“ Law.	23 45	10 00	
Board of Health,	317 45	555 06	
Gunpowder License,	5 00		
Loans to Loanholders,		12,148 99	
Interest to “		791 50	
Dept. Police,		2,171 05	
“ City Commissioners,		992 52	
“ City Property,		93 76	
“ Clerks of Councils,		383 32	
“ Surveys,		125 00	
Controllers Public Schools,		3,221 09	
Guardians of the Poor,		828 77	
Inspectors of the Prison,		441 66	

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DEPARTMENTS, INSTITUTIONS, &c.	RECEIVED FROM	PAID TO.	BAL. IN TREAS.
Trustees City Ice Boat, Lighting the City.		5 50 2,045 48	
	\$20,212 34	\$25,937 63	\$76,563 76
<i>Oct. 27, 1856.</i>			
Receiver of Taxes,	23,007 93		
Dept. Supplying Water,	3,775 16	1,982 94	
“ Highways,	200 47	2,742 02	
“ Law,	526 61		
“ Wharves & Landings,	750 00		
Board of Health,	297 18	344 06	
Gunpowder License,	20 00		
Loans to Loanholders,		4,447 79	
Interest to “		985 79	
Dept. Police,		2,835 41	
“ City Commissioners,		1,755 49	
“ City Property,		1,064 69	
“ Clerks of Councils,		146 45	
“ Surveys,		20 00	
“ City Controller,		4 32	
“ Market Houses,		20 83	
Controllors Public Schools,		3,852 87	
Guardians of the Poor,		1,337 94	
Fire Department.		200 00	
	\$28,577 35	\$21,740 60	\$83,400 51
<i>Oct. 31, 1856.</i>			
Receiver of Taxes,	21,859 13		
Dept. Supplying Water,	1,833 64	83 75	
“ Highways,	810 58	3,205 71	
“ City Property,	1,882 42	683 67	
“ Law,	318 31		
Board of Health,	282 06	283 39	
Loans to Loanholders,		100 00	
Interest to “		1,547 73	
Dept. Police,		1,192 40	
“ City Commissioners,		2,660 29	
“ Clerks of Councils,		6 12	

DEPARTMENTS, INSTITUTIONS, &c.	RECEIVED FROM.	PAID TO.	BAL. IN TREAS.
Dept. City Controller, Controllers Public Schools, Guardians of the Poor, Fire Department.		750 30 6,783 21 61 25 115 00	
	\$27,006 14	\$17,472 55	\$92,934 10

RECAPITULATION.

DEPARTMENTS, INSTITUTIONS, &c.	RECEIVED FROM.	PAID TO.	BAL. IN TREAS.
State Taxes, (Coleman and Armbruster,)	240.136 52	240.000 00	
Dept. Receiver of Taxes,	241.247 66	3,401 72	
“ Supplying Water,	41.786 49	14,530 80	
“ Highways,	5.817 82	33,011 54	
“ City Property,	3.471 34	4,205 57	
“ Wharves & Landings,	6.262 75	270 89	
“ Market Houses,	8.300 00	980 48	
“ Law,	4.222 54	1,797 68	
“ City Treasurer,		1,937 50	
“ City Controller,		2,285 82	
“ Surveys,		2,083 89	
“ Fire,		3,600 47	
“ Clerks of Councils,		2,695 87	
“ City Commissioners,		20,324 78	
“ Police,		51,824 13	
Board of Health,	3.972 74	5,150 79	
Guardians of the Poor,		13,528 96	
Inspectors of the Prison,		6,081 18	
Controllers Public Schools,		30,625 18	
Lighting the City,		2,135 48	
Trustees City Ice Boat,		97 39	
Gunpowder Licences,	145 00		
Fines and Penalties,	2,385 59		
Loans to Loanholders,		34,200 78	
Interest to “		30,037 69	
“ on Warrants,		358 48	
Sinking Funds.	483 00		
	558,231.45	505,167.07	\$53,064 38

APPENDIX No. 79.

Mr. Mascher read in place the following Bill :

AN ORDINANCE

To provide for the payment of the claim of Henry T. Grout.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of six hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated to pay the following claim, to wit :

To Henry T. Grout, for professional services rendered by him to the late District of Penn, in various cases, in the Supreme Court, District Court for the City and County of Philadelphia, and Court of Common Pleas of said City and County, and for extra services rendered before the Committees of said District, to inquire into the purchase of oil and curb-stone, the sum of six hundred and fifty dollars.

SEC. 2. The warrant for the payment of the above appropriation shall be drawn by the City Treasurer.

APPENDIX No. 80.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GAS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :—The Committee on Gas Works report the following Estimate for the Expenses of Public Lamps for the year 1857 :

For lighting, extinguishing, cleansing, and		
repairing the Public Lamps,	-	\$224,025 60
For the erection of new Lamps,	-	7,350 00
For the alteration of Fluid Lamps to burn		
Gas,	- - - - -	1,260 00

For repairs for accidents, &c., - - 2,364 40

\$235,000 00

PIERCE BUTLER, *Chairman*,
 ABR. BAKER,
 WM. H. JACKSON,
 D. McCLEARY,
 JOHN PORTER.

Dec. 18, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 81.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PORT WARDENS, WHARVES, AND LANDINGS, &c.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Port Wardens, Wharves, and Landings, &c., to whom was referred the bills of Andrew Steiff & Co., and John McCarthy, for paving, &c., respectfully report the following Ordinance for payment of the same, and ask its passage.

WM. M. BAIRD, *Chairman*,
 WILLIAM C. KELLY,
 FRANCIS McMANUS,
 JOHN McMAKIN.

Dec. 23, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation for certain paving.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of six hundred and seven dollars and sixty-one cents be, and the same is hereby appropriated to pay the following bills :

To A. Steiff & Co., for materials and paving South side of Coates street, between Washington and Delaware avenue, three hundred and two dollars and ninety cents.

To John McCarthy, fifty-one dollars and seventy-five cents, for brick and paving in front of lot, Delaware avenue and Green street.

To A. Steiff & Co., two hundred and eighteen dollars and fifty cents, for paving on Noble street, between Washington and Delaware avenue.

To A. Steiff & Co., thirty-four dollars and forty-six cents, for paving Washington avenue and Coates street.

SEC. 2. The said appropriation shall be paid out of item appropriated for Repairs of Wharves, approved March 11, 1856, entitled, "An Ordinance to make an appropriation for Public Service of the Department of Wharves and Landings, for the year 1856," and the Commissioner of Market Houses is hereby directed to draw warrants for payment of said bills.

APPENDIX No. 82.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report, that the Ordinance, approved December 20, 1856, entitled, "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay the interest on endorsed warrants and interest and costs on judgments obtained upon warrants," contains no provision to authorize the drawing of the necessary warrants; to remedy this omission

your Committee offer the following Ordinance, and ask its immediate passage.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
ABRAHAM BAKER,
THOS. CRAVEN,
JOSHUA T. OWEN,
HENRY J. BOLLER.

Dec. 23, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to pay the interest on endorsed warrants and interest and costs on judgments obtained upon warrants.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of forty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to pay the interest accrued, or hereafter to accrue, on warrants heretofore endorsed by the City Treasurer, and to pay also interest and costs on judgments obtained on City warrants.

SEC. 2. That the resolution of August 23, 1855, entitled, "A Resolution to provide for the endorsement by the City Treasurer of all warrants on the Treasury and for the payment of six per cent. interest on such warrants," be and the same is hereby repealed. Provided, that this repeal shall not affect the interest accrued or to accrue on warrants endorsed prior to the passage of this Ordinance.

APPENDIX No. 83.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance to whom

was referred the amendments of the Select Council to the Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay the interest on the Funded Debt falling due on the 1st day of January next, report the same as committed, and recommend that Common Council concur in said amendments.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
ABM. BAKER,
THOS. CRAVEN,
JOSHUA T. OWEN.

Dec. 23, 1856.

In the 1st Section strike out of the 5th line, the words "*which will*" and add to the word "*fall*," in the 6th line the termination "*ing*;" also strike out all after "1857" in the 7th line; also strike out the words, in the 3rd line, "five hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars," and insert the words "five hundred and ten thousand dollars."

In the 2nd section strike out all after the words "shall be" in the 2nd line, and insert "drawn as follows: The City Treasurer shall present to the Mayor a list of the loan holders to be paid as aforesaid, the amount of the principal of the debt owned by them respectively, the rate and amount of interest accrued, the amount of State tax to be deducted and retained, and the net sum due for interest, and at the foot of such list the Mayor shall add the following warrant.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, (date.)

To City Treasurer.—Pay to the persons and corporations above named, the amounts respectively due to them as above set forth for interest on city debt due.

MAYOR.

The said list and warrant shall then be presented to the Controller to be countersigned.

Amend *the title* by striking out all after "1857." Strike out the third and fourth sections.

APPENDIX No. 84.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred an Ordinance from Select Council, “to authorize the sale of City Loan to pay the funded debt of the City of Philadelphia, falling due on January 1st, 1857, and to make an appropriation for the payment of the same,” report the same as committed and recommend its immediate passage.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
ABRAHAM BAKER,
THOS. CRAVEN,
JOSHUA T. OWEN.

Dec. 23, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 85.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Highways &c., have considered the following Resolution to change an item of appropriation made to the Department of Highways, and recommend its adoption.

AND. MILLER, *Chairman*,
JOHN M. FORD,
CHAS. F. ISEMINER,
J. G. SORVER.

Dec. 23, 1856.

RESOLUTION

To change a certain item of appropriation made to the Department of Highways.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars, appropriated by item 3, for grading streets, as contained in an Ordinance entitled “An

Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, and Sewers, and Cleansing the City, for the service of the year 1856," approved March 28th, 1856, be and the same is hereby transferred to item 1, for paving intersections.

APPENDIX No. 86.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred an Ordinance from Select Council, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Guardians of the Poor, of the income of certain trusts, to be applied according to the requirements of the respective trusts," report the same as committed, and ask its passage.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
ABM. BAKER,
THOMAS CRAVEN,
JOSHUA T. OWEN.

Dec. 23, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 87.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred an Ordinance from Select Council, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the De-

partment of City Commissioners," report the same as committed, and recommend its passage.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
ABM. BAKER,
THOS. CRAVEN,
JOSHUA T. OWEN.

Dec. 23, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to the Department of the City Commissioners.

SEC. 1. *The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain*, That the sum of six thousand six hundred and forty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to the Department of the City Commissioners, for the following purposes, namely:

For the payment of the salaries of the officers of the civil courts, jurors and witnesses, -	\$3,260 00
For the payment of the salaries of the officers of the criminal courts, jurors and witnesses, -	\$3,380 00

APPENDIX No. 88.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred an Ordinance to provide for the payment of the claim of Henry Grout, report the same with the request that it be referred to the Committee on Claims, and ask the adoption of the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and that it be referred to the Committee on Claims.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
ABM. BAKER,
THOS. CRAVEN,
JOSHUA T. OWEN.

Dec. 23, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 89.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance of Common Council, having had under consideration the communication from the Receiver of Taxes, asking a change of an item of appropriation to that Department, offer the following Resolution and ask its adoption.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
 ABR. BAKER,
 ROBT. KERSHAW,
 JOSHUA T. OWEN.

Dec. 23, 1856.

RESOLUTION

To transfer a certain item of appropriation.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars appropriated to the Department of Receiver of Taxes, Item, "Blank Books and Stationery for the year 1856," be and the same is hereby transferred to Item "Printing and Advertising."

APPENDIX No. 90.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the application of C. Benkert, for the extinguishment of a certain yearly rent charge, respectfully report the following Ordinance and ask its passage.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
 ABR. BAKER,
 THOS. CRAVEN,
 JOSHUA T. OWEN.

Dec. 23, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To authorize measures to enable the City of Philadelphia to sell a certain small yearly rent charge.

Whereas, The City of Philadelphia now holds in trust a certain yearly rent charge of about four dollars per annum, under the will of William Carter, on a lot of ground No. 40 South Fourth street, in the City of Philadelphia, recently purchased by C. Benkert; and whereas, said rent charge is small and difficult to collect, and the said City has been offered for it a price which will yield to said City a larger net interest or income than said rent charge produces:

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the City Solicitor be and he hereby is authorized to take such measures as he may deem necessary, either by application to Court, or by procuring the passage of an Act of Assembly, to enable the said city to sell and convey, or release and extinguish the said rent charge; and when said city shall be so enabled, the Mayor of the city is hereby authorized to execute and deliver, with the Seal of the Corporation attached, a proper deed, extinguishment or release therefor. Provided, that the proceeds of said sale or extinguishment shall be invested, and the income thereof be applied by the City Treasurer to the same uses, intents and purposes for which the said rent charge is now held; and provided further, that the parties purchasing or extinguishing the same shall pay twenty years purchase and all expenses of said application to Court, or of said Act of Assembly, and also all expenses of this ordinance and the publication thereof.

APPENDIX No. 91.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance, to whom

was recommitted "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of City Commissioners," respectfully report, That the "Ordinance to reorganize the Department of City Commissioners," approved August 15, 1856, provides "that warrants for the payment of monies appropriated to the Department of City Commissioners shall be drawn by the said Commissioners," making it unnecessary, in the opinion of your Committee, to make any alteration in the Ordinance as it came from the Select Council.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
ABM. BAKER,
ROBERT KERSHAW,
JOSHUA T. OWEN.

Dec. 30, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 92.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee on Police, to whom was referred the Petition of the Messengers of the Mayor, asking for an increase of salary, respectfully report, that they have considered the said Petition and report against the prayers of the petitioners, and offer the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Police be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

LEWIS BREMER, *Chairman*,
SAMUEL LINDSAY,
D. BEVAN,
ROBT. V. BARBER.

Dec. 30, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 93.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON POOR.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Poor, to whom was referred the communication from the Guardians of the Poor, report:—Having duly considered said communication, together with the estimates of the Department of Poor contained therein, propose the following amounts for the separate items thus contained, to wit:

For supplies in provisions and dry goods for the house generally, eighty-five thousand dollars.

Medical department, for supplies furnished directly to it, and other charges against it, except salaries and wages, fourteen thousand dollars.

Children's Asylum, for supplies furnished directly to it, and other charges against it, except salaries and wages, two thousand three hundred and ninety-seven dollars.

Expenses for items to be charged under this head, except salaries and wages, twelve thousand dollars.

Fuel for all the departments and purposes of the house, sixteen thousand two hundred and twenty-five dollars.

Manufactory for stock materials, and charged to this department, except salaries and wages, seven thousand one hundred and forty-six dollars.

Farm for charges to it, except salaries and wages, two thousand and seventy-five dollars.

Blockley Estate for charges to it, except salaries, three thousand dollars.

Salaries chargeable to expenses, being for house generally, twenty thousand three hundred and forty-two dollars.

Wages on pay roll chargeable to expenses, four thousand four hundred and seventy-seven dollars.

Out-door account for items of expenditures chargeable thereto, except salaries, forty thousand dollars.

Thus making the gross amount to Poor Department the sum of two hundred and six thousand six hundred

and sixty-two dollars,—an increase of eleven thousand two hundred and fifty-eight dollars and forty-two cents over the appropriation made by Councils for that department for the year 1856, and a less amount than asked for by Guardians, eighty-three thousand five hundred and thirty-four dollars and twenty-five cents.

The Committee find the estimate made by the Guardians to Councils for the wants of that department based upon the present prices which they have to give, owing to the depreciated value of warrants,—thus requiring not less than fifteen per cent. additional upon each dollar expended, which is a fair average for labor performed, or materials furnished the City under its present monetary affairs.

The Committee, however, thought a better day was dawning, and they might presume to estimate upon cash payments during the coming year. Under these convictions they have made considerable reduction in the estimate referred to.

The most important is in the item for out-door relief, that being in the estimate, the astounding sum of seventy-nine thousand nine hundred and thirty dollars, exclusive of pay of officers, which, according to said estimate, amounts to ten thousand and forty dollars; thus making a total of ninety thousand one hundred and seventy dollars, to be expended outside of the Alms House.

Out-door relief has been a questionable expenditure of the public money for many years by some. It is the required duty of a large City like Philadelphia to provide a suitable place for the poor and unfortunate, but the requirements of humanity, so far as a municipal corporation is concerned, must have bounds and limits.

The City of Philadelphia now has the largest and most convenient Hospital or Alms House for the Poor in the known world,—a structure erected at an immense cost, and kept in operation in a corresponding manner—the expenses to be paid by taxes levied upon an insignificant portion of the wealth of the city—if we may be allowed to say so; such being near the fact, and we think none will deny it.

It therefore becomes the duty of the Committee, to examine and ascertain in what manner the expenses of the Poor Department of the City can be relieved of a portion at least of its present expenses, and report the same to Councils.

The indigent outside of the Alms House, have in most or all cases relatives or friends who are able to assist in case of pecuniary want; but if they are relieved of that duty by the appropriated funds of an over-taxed city, of course they will take advantage of the same, but if it is understood by the persons claiming or asking such bounty that in the future there will be none, or at least a small amount, appropriated for that purpose, a new mode of support will be adopted either by themselves or their friends. Besides, there are several Benevolent Associations, each taking in a certain portion of the city; consequently making provision for the poor of its entire limits. The Committee think it the duty of those who have all the privileges of a well regulated city like Philadelphia, and who have a large portion of its wealth, to contribute something besides the *twenty-five cents* which they are only required by law to pay, to entitle them to full membership with this community; thus in reporting against out-door relief, we expect the Associations now in operation will go on with increased vigor, and if necessary, others will be organized for benevolent purposes; and when the wealthy, who stand behind the law of taxation, are called upon to aid and assist in relieving the wants of their indigent fellow citizens, the appeal will be made to them in such a manner that, however callous they may be in regard to assisting the wants of the same, they will be forced to acknowledge it a duty to give at least as much in proportion as those who are forced by the requirements of law.

The Union Benevolent Association, which has been for the last twenty-five years increasing its usefulness in relieving the poor, may now be said to be in full tide of operation, extending its alms over almost the entire city, and, according to the report of the same, with the small sum of seventeen thousand dollars collected from

various persons whose names appear in their yearly report.

The Committee were struck with the forcible argument of a portion of the report of the above Association in relation to out-door alms. It says: "Though there is, and always will be in large cities, enough of involuntary and real poverty, yet there is at the same time more that is the result of idleness, drunkenness, and vice. The latter is content to beg rather than work, and its numbers are increased or diminished according to the encouragement it receives from injudicious benevolence. Discrimination in such a case becomes a greater merit in a society than liberality; and that one whose system gives a little wisely, as an incentive to industry, accompanied with good counsel and a watchful care, is entitled to our confidence rather than one which distributes merely in greatest profusion.

Out-door relief, in the opinion of the Committee, does not come up to the expectations of those who are its advocates. In the first place, the expenses attending the carrying out the same for officers, and rent of offices alone, according to the report of Guardians, is six thousand one hundred and fifty dollars, not taking into consideration the pilfering charges against those functionaries, if we may rely upon reports, which your Committee think are too well founded—thus encouraging idleness by keeping a number of officers under the pay of the city with but little to do—thereby, when removed from said situations, are unfit for the honorable vocations which they may have followed before. There is certain out-door relief which must be had and carried out, and the expenses paid by the City; such as Agent, Physicians, Apothecary, expenses of Bastardy cases, Bequests for the distribution of Bread, &c., &c.; all of which must be provided for in the appropriation made for that Department. Thus the Committee have, in their opinion, provided amply for contingencies in case of sickness or other mishap which may occur outside of the Alms House.

The Committee have had their attention called to the large cost of lighting the Alms House; as per re-

port of Guardians, it amounts to not less than four thousand dollars per year; oil alone amounting to three thousand, as per estimate. In consideration of the above, the Committee instituted an inquiry in regard to the introduction of gas in said buildings, and presume from an estimate made by Messrs. Archer, Warner & Miskey, which estimate is appended to this report, that the introduction may be completed at a cost of from seven to eight thousand dollars, and a yearly expense of not more than one thousand dollars; thus a net saving to the City of about twenty-five hundred dollars per year. The Committee, therefore, recommend Councils to make an appropriation of a sufficient sum to carry the same into effect. In concluding this report, there is one other fact which the Committee would draw the attention of this Council to, and that is the locating of a site for a Small-Pox Hospital, that now being a question of great importance to a large portion of our citizens.

A lot was purchased some years since in the northern part of the now City, for the purpose of erecting said Hospital. At the time of said purchase that location was of a rural character altogether; not so now; streets are laid out and built upon, and there exists a deadly hostility on the part of the inhabitants of the same to the locating said Hospital as originally intended.

Therefore, inasmuch as there is sufficient space on the grounds of the Alms House property, without any connection with the adjoining property of citizens or others owning thereby, and also the Alms House proper; thus that would seem to be the proper location for the Small-Pox Hospital.

The Farm is of no consequence to the receipts of the Department of Poor, the same costing more to cultivate than the net revenue, in the opinion of the Committee; as per report, Farm expenses are charged two thousand five hundred and seventy-five dollars, and other perquisites no doubt will increase the sum to three thousand. The Committee would recommend converting the building now used by the farmer as his residence, as a house in part. Its location cannot be

surpassed, for the purpose proposed, by any in this or any other country.

The property purchased and now owned by the city for the erecting said Hospital, can be sold for more than double its original cost; the increased amount thereby would perhaps be sufficient to make the improvements necessary to the farm house; consequently erect a suitable Hospital at a small expense to the city, and at the same time have every convenience required for the same, and have a location more suitable than any other within the limits of the city.

The Committee have not gone into the subject as fully as it deserves, but will at a future time consider this, as well as a House of Correction, which also should be located upon the aforesaid ground, there being in all one hundred and eighty-seven acres of land belonging to this estate; enough remaining, after locating said buildings and the necessary grounds attached, not required for any other purpose than farming, if sold for building or other purposes, to pay the cost of the erection and completion of a House of Correction. Thus the city will thereby be relieved of an annual expense for farming, without a corresponding return of profit, and also without creating an additional debt for the building of the same.

The Committee submit the following Resolution :

Resolved, That the schedule of items and amount reported by the Committee to be appropriated to the Department of Poor, together with the communication from Guardians, be referred to the Committee on Finance, and that the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

SAMUEL STEVENSON, *Chairman*,
M. A. BOYLE,
JOHN F. DEAL,
WM. H. JACKSON,
JOHN M. FORD.

Dec. 30, 1856.

SCHEDULE OF ITEMS

AND AMOUNT REPORTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON POOR.

For supplies in Provisions and Dry Goods for the House generally, eighty-five thousand dollars.

Medical Department, for supplies furnished directly to it, and other charges against it, except salaries and wages, fourteen thousand dollars.

Children's Asylum, for supplies furnished directly to it, and other charges against it, except salaries and wages, two thousand three hundred and ninety-seven dollars.

Expenses for items to be charged under this head, except salaries and wages, twelve thousand dollars.

Fuel for all the Departments and purposes of the House, sixteen thousand two hundred and twenty-five dollars.

Manufactory for stock materials, and charged to this Department, except salaries and wages, seven thousand one hundred and forty-six dollars.

Farm, for charges to it, except salaries and wages, two thousand and seventy-five dollars.

Blockley Estate, for charges to it, except salaries, three thousand dollars.

Salaries chargeable to expenses, being for House generally, twenty thousand three hundred and forty-two dollars.

Wages on pay-roll, chargeable to expenses, four thousand four hundred and seventy-seven dollars.

Out-door accounts, for items of expenditures chargeable thereto, except salaries, forty thousand dollars.

Thus making the gross amount to Poor Department the sum of two hundred and six thousand six hundred and sixty-two dollars, an increase of eleven thousand two hundred and fifty-eight dollars and forty-two cents over the appropriation made by Councils for that Department for the year 1856, and a less amount than asked for by Guardians of eighty-three thousand five hundred thirty-four dollars and twenty-five cents.

ESTIMATE

Of the expenditures constituting the amount which will be required by the Board of Guardians of the Poor, for the support of the department under their care, for the year 1857.

For Supplies in Provisions and Dry Goods for the House generally.

4000 barrels of flour, at \$8 50,	\$34,000 00
9000 pounds of water crackers, at 9 cts.,	810 00
180,000 " fresh beef, " 7½,	13,500 00
170,000 " mutton, at \$6 per 100 lbs.,	10,200 00
20,000 " salt shoulders, at 12½ cts.,	2,500 00
2,500 " fresh pork, " 11	275 00
15,000 " cod fish, " 6	900 00
25,000 " coffee, " 13	3,250 00
6,500 " tea (good), " 35	2,275 00
8,500 " white sugar, " 13	1,105 00
70,000 " brown " " 10	7,000 00
50,000 " rice, " 6	3,000 00
20,000 " butter, " 30	6,000 00
25,000 " Indian meal, at \$4 per 100 lbs.	1,000 00
1,000 " pepper, at 11 cts.,	110 00
400 " hops, " 30	120 00
400 " lard, " 12½	50 00
9,000 gallons of molasses, at 50 cts.,	4,500 00
1,000 " vinegar, " 8	80 00
2,500 bushels of potatoes, " 75	1,875 00
250 " beans, " \$3,	750 00
15 " malt, " 1 75,	26 25
250 " salt, " 85,	212 50
150 sacks " " 1 85,	279 50
1200 dozens of eggs, " 30,	360 00
Roasting coffee,	200 00
Marketing for O. W. Asylum,	350 00
" " Almshouse,	1,200 00
Porterage on the foregoing,	600 00
10,000 yards of sheeting muslin, at 12 cts.,	1,200 00
16,000 " shirting " " 9	1,440 00
2,000 " woolen flannel, " 30	600 00

1,000 yards	Canton flannel	at 12	\$120 00
3,000 "	calico,	" 12	360 00
2,500 "	ticking,	" 17	425 00
500 "	table diaper,	" 16	80 00
500 "	crash,	" 10	50 00
250 pairs of	blankets,	at \$3 50,	875 00
500 "	boots and shoes,	at \$1,	500 00
200 dozen of	hose,	" 3,	600 00
500 pounds of	yarn (assorted),	" 1,	500 00
250 "	thread & cotton,	" 1,	250 00
500 assorted	hats,	at 25 cts.,	125 00
Combs, needles and various	trimmings,		600 00
Porterage on the above goods,			60 00

\$104,313 25

Medical Department, for Supplies furnished directly to it, and other charges against it, except Salaries and Wages.

Physicians' orders in provisions for sick,	\$3,000 00
Drugs and medicines,	5,000 00
Boarding assistant physicians,	1,600 00
Marketing for nurses' table,	600 00
2,000 pounds of sugar, at 14 cts.,	280 00
800 " butter, " 30	240 00
400 " lard, " 14	56 00
6,000 " oat meal, 5	300 00
100 bushels of cake " at \$1,	100 00
100 gallons of brandy, " 6,	600 00
800 " wine, " 2,	1,600 00
1,200 " whiskey, " 1,	1,200 00
2,500 dozen of bottles of porter, at 37½ cts.,	937 50
Board and attendance of patients at City Hospital,	800 00
Repairs to heating and cooking apparatus,	1,700 00
" for other objects,	500 00
Plumbing repairs,	1,200 00
Surgical instruments and repairing,	300 00
Stoves and repairing,	200 00
Furniture, chairs, bedsteads, &c.,	200 00
Hardware and crockeryware,	250 00
Leeching,	175 00

Moral instructor,	\$100 00
Porterage and other sundry small articles,	200 00
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	\$21,138 50

Children's Asylum, for Supplies furnished directly to it, and other charges against it, except Salaries and Wages.

Marketing for matron and employees,	500 00
600 pounds of sugar, at \$10,	60 00
300 " butter, " 30 cts.,	90 00
200 " yarn, " \$1,	200 00
1,200 yards of muslin, at 10 cts.,	120 00
600 " ticking, " 18	108 00
2,500 " dress goods for girls, at 12½c.,	312 50
600 " satinnet " boys, " 40	240 00
300 " cotton flannel, " 12½	37 50
300 " woolen " " 30	90 00
150 " drilling for boys' wear " 10	15 00
30 dozen of hose, at \$2 30,	69 00
120 pairs of shoes, " 1	120 00
Repairs to stoves, cooking range, &c.,	120 00
Carpentering repairs,	100 00
Plumbing " "	150 00
School books,	80 00
Crockery and hardware,	60 00
Visitors' expenses,	100 00
Trimmings, &c.,	60 00
Sundry small articles,	250 00
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	\$2,882 00

Expenses for Items to be charged under this head, except Salaries and Wages.

25,000 bundles of straw, at \$8	\$2,000 00
10,000 pounds of tobacco, at 25c.	2,500 00
4,000 " yellow soap, at 6	240 00
300 " castile " 12½	37 50
500 " candles, at 18	90 00
1,000 " chloride of lime, at 5	50 00
1,500 " starch, at 10	150 00
800 " yarn for out wards, at \$1,	800 00

3,000 gallons of oil, average,	\$1,	\$3,000 00
150 dozen of assorted brushes, at	6,	900 00
100 " brooms, at	2 50,	250 00
800 bushels of oats,	} feed, horse " at	75, 600 00
200 " corn meal,		1 15, 230 00
100 " midlings,		85, 85 00
Lumber for general repairs, out wards,		300 00
Stoves, pipes, repairs, &c., "		250 00
House agent's expenses,		115 00
Stationery, printing, and advertising,		2,500 00
Hardware and crockeryware for out wards,		650 00
Furniture for out wards,		250 00
Plumbing repairs for out wards,		650 00
Cleaning sinks and sweeping chimneys,		400 00
Winding, regulating, and keeping clocks in repair,		125 00
Rent of South street wharf,		50 00
Blacksmithing,		115 00
Thread, cotton, and trimmings for out wards,		200 00
Porterage on the above articles,		30 00
Toll, clothes lines and various small articles,		350 00
To meet other expenditures which cannot be enumerated or anticipated,		2,500 00
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		\$19,417 50

Fuel for all the Departments and Purposes of the House.

3,500 tons of stove coal on the wharf, at \$4,	\$14,000 00
Hauling same from wharf, at 25c.	875 00
200 cords of oak wood, at \$5 50,	1,100 00
250 cords of pine wood, " 5,	1,250 00
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\$17,225 00	

Manufactory for stock materials, and charged to this Department, except Salaries and Wages.

Leather of the various kinds used,	\$1,000 00
15,000 pounds of assorted chain and filling,	
at 25c.,	3,750 00
6,000 pounds of tallow, at 14c.,	840 00
4,000 " caustic alkali, at 11c.,	440 00

60,000 feet of lumber, at \$3,	\$1,800 00
150 bushels of smith coal, at 24c.,	36 00
2,500 pounds of iron and steel, average, at 7c.,	175 00
Nails and other hardware,	450 00
Tin, glass, &c.,	300 00
Paints, varnish, oil, &c.,	500 00
Weaving utensils and tools,	80 00
Shoe findings,	175 00
Glue, paint, brushes, &c.,	50 00
Porterage and small articles,	150 00
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	\$9,746 00

Farm, for charges to it, except Salaries and Wages.

Boarding assistant farmer,	\$130 00
Horsefeed—oats, corn meal, and midlings,	1,200 00
700 barrels of swill, at 25c.,	175 00
Seed wheat, potatoes, &c.,	150 00
Costs of taking hogs and cattle by the Board of Health,	400 00
Farming utensils and repairs to same,	120 00
Various small articles,	50 00
Smithwork, repairs, and lumber,	350 00
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	\$2,575 00

Blockley Estate, for charges to it, except Salary.

Lumber, and repairs to premises,	\$2,000 00
Repairs to engine and pumps,	350 00
Manure for new and old garden,	150 00
Repairs to river bank,	100 00
Taxes on premises, horses, and cattle,	500 00
Seeds, and other small articles,	50 00
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	\$3,150 00

Salaries chargeable to Expenses, being for House generally.

Steward,	-	-	-	-	\$1,200
Clerk,	-	-	-	-	1,000
House Agent,	-	-	-	-	700
Storekeeper,	-	-	-	-	600

House Matron,	-	-	-	\$600
Baker,	-	-	-	450
Doorkeeper,	-	-	-	420
Agent's Clerk,	-	-	-	450
				<hr/> \$5,420

Salaries chargeable to Medical Department.

Chief Resident Physician,	-	-	\$2,000
Apothecary,	-	-	850
Assistant Apothecary,	-	-	650
Leecher and Cupper,	-	-	450
Engineer,	-	-	450
			<hr/> \$4,400

Salaries chargeable to Children's Asylum.

Matron,	-	-	\$400
Teacher,	-	-	150
			<hr/> \$550

Salaries chargeable to Manufactory.

Superintendent of same,	-	-	\$500
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Salaries chargeable to Farm.

Superintendent of same,	-	-	\$682
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Salaries chargeable to Blockley Estate.

Gardener,	-	-	\$550
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Salaries chargeable to Out-door Account.

Secretary of the Board,	-	\$1,000
Out-door Agent,	-	600
“ Wagon-driver,	-	468
Messenger, city office,	-	312
		<hr/> \$2,380

One out-door Visitor,	\$600
Eight “ “ at \$500,	4,000
One “ “	300
One “ “	250
Two “ “ “ 125,	250
	<hr/> \$5,400

Fifteen out door Phys'ns, at	\$80,	\$1,200
One " "		200
One " "		100
	—	\$1,500
Twelve " Apothecaries, at \$80,		960
		— \$10,240
		\$22,342

Wages on Pay-roll chargeable to Expenses,	\$1,920	00
Do. do. do. Med. Dep.	4,440	00
Do. do. do. Chil'n's Asy.	525	00
Do. do. do. Manufac'ry,	280	00
Do. do. do. Farm,	312	00
		— \$7,477 00

Out-door Account for Items of Expenditures chargeable thereto, except Salaries.

5,000 tons of coal, at \$4 50,	\$22,500
2,500 cords of wood, 5 50,	13,750
	— \$36,250 00
Groceries and money,	30,000 00
Expenses on account of bastardy cases,	7,500 00
Do. to be paid by Out-door Agent for various sundry purposes,	3,000 00
Bread, groceries, clothing, &c., under several wills as trustees,	1,200 00
Rent of Visitors' offices,	750 00
Cupping and Leeching,	500 00
Burial of smallpox and other cases outside,	300 00
Costs of suits in desertion and other cases,	250 00
Ground rent and city office,	180 00
	— \$79,930 00

RECAPITULATION.

Supplies in provision and dry goods for house generally,	\$104,313 25
Medical Department,	21,138 50
Children's Asylum,	2,882 00
Expenses,	19,417 50

Fuel,	\$17,225 00
Manufactory,	9,746 00
Farm,	2,575 00
Blockley Estate,	3,150 00
Salaries for House Department,	12,102 00
Do. chargeable to O. D. account,	10,240 00
Do. do. House Department,	7,477 00
Out-door Account,	79,930 00
Total,	<u>\$290,196 25</u>

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE POOR FOR THE YEAR 1857,
TO BE DERIVED FROM SOURCES NAMED.

Tax on emigrants,	\$10,000 00
On account of bastardy cases,	5,000 00
Board paid by and for inmates,	1,000 00
Board paid by and for paupers belonging to other counties,	1,200 00
On account of legacies,	1,000 00
Sales of flour barrels, meat, rice, molasses, oil, and other casks,	500 00
Sales of rags, bones, &c., and fees on in- dentures,	120 00
Sales from manufactory and farm,	500 00
	<u>\$19,320 00</u>

APPENDIX No. 94.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOLS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Schools, to whom was referred a resolution from Select Council, to transfer certain items of an appropriation to the Board of Controllers of Public Schools, in the First School District of Pennsylvania, respectfully report the same with the following amendments, to wit:

That the further sum of five hundred and seventy-six dollars and forty-one cents, be transferred from item one for "Salaries in the Twenty-first Section," to the following items, to wit:

To item 3, for "Ground Rent," in the First Section, fifty dollars,	\$50 00
To item 6, for "Furniture," in the Eighth Section, six dollars and fifty cents,	6 50
To item 5, for "Repairs," in the Ninth Section, ninety-nine cents,	99
To item 7, for "Superintendent and Cleaning," in the Ninth Section, sixty dollars and ninety-one cents,	60 91
To item 9, for "Night Schools," in the Ninth Section, one hundred and twenty-five dollars and ninety-eight cents,	125 98
To item 7, for "Superintendent and Cleaning," in the Tenth Section, nineteen dollars and twenty-two cents,	19 22
To item 1, for "Salaries," in the Twelfth Section, three dollars,	3 00
To item 6, for "Furniture and Stoves," in Twelfth Section, one hundred and fifty-two dollars and eighty-five cents,	152 85
To item 7, for "Superintendent and Cleaning," in the Twelfth Section, sixty-seven dollars and eighty-two cents,	67 82
To item 8, for "Furniture," in the Twelfth Section, seventy-five dollars and sixty cents,	75 60
To item 9, for "Night Schools," in the Twenty-third Section, nine dollars and eighty cents,	9 80
To item 5, for "Repairs," in the Twenty-fourth Section, three dollars and seventy-four cents,	3 74

JOSHUA T. OWEN, *Chairman*,
E. BOOTH,
M. C. BROWN,
HENRY T. KING,
JESSE T. VOGDES.

Dec. 30, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 95.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAW.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Law, to whom was referred the accompanying Estimate of the Law Department, respectfully reports in favor of the same.

GEO. NORTHPROP, *Chairman*,
CHARLES E. LEX,
HENRY T. KING,
WILLIAM DEAL.

Dec. 30, 1856.

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE, }
Philadelphia, October 27, 1856. }

STEPHEN TAYLOR, Esq., City Controller:

SIR:—I send you herewith an estimate of appropriations required by the Law Department for the year 1857:

For Salaries,	-	-	-	-	\$6,500 00
" Advertising Liens,	-	-	-	-	2,500 00
" Prothonotaries' Costs,	-	-	-	-	2,000 00
" Sheriff's Costs,	-	-	-	-	5,000 00
" Stationery,	-	-	-	-	300 00
" Printing,	-	-	-	-	200 00
" Services of Subpœnas,	-	-	-	-	150 00
" Witness Fees, certified copies of papers and plans,	-	-	-	-	210 00
" Care of Office,	-	-	-	-	120 00
" Miscellaneous Expenses,	-	-	-	-	250 00
" Miscellaneous Advertising,	-	-	-	-	200 00
" Law Books for Department,	-	-	-	-	50 00
Total,	-	-	-	-	\$17,480 00

Very respectfully, &c.,

WM. A. PORTER,
City Solicitor.

It will be observed that this estimate is less by over five thousand dollars than the appropriations for the year 1856.

APPENDIX No. 96.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAW.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Law, to whom was referred the petition of Thos. Craven, asking that costs and interest on certain taxes may be remitted, respectfully report in favor of the prayer thereof, and report the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the costs and interest upon the taxes on the lot on the West side of Hancock street, 115 feet North of Norris street, in the Nineteenth Ward, 72 feet by 109 feet, be remitted to Thomas Craven, Esq.

GEO. NORTHROP, *Chairman*,
CHAS. E. LEX,
HENRY T. KING,
WILLIAM DEAL.

Dec. 30, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 97.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PORT WARDENS, PUBLIC WHARVES
AND LANDINGS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Port Wardens, Public Wharves and Landings, to whom was referred the Resolution of December 23d, asking when the repairs to the City Ice Boat would be completed, and the Boat ready for service, respectfully report:

That your Committee visited the Boat, and found that the principal part of the repairs was completed; the carpenter work being all finished, the engine work so far progressed that it was expected by the machinists that they would finish by the first of January next. Annexed will be found a communication of J. Deve-

reaux, Esq., President of the Board of Trustees, in reference to the time the Boat will be put in service.

Your Committee ask the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. M. BAIRD, *Chairman*,
FRANCIS McMANUS,
WILLIAM C. KELLY,
JOHN McMAKIN.

Dec. 30, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 98.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MARKET HOUSES.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Market Houses to whom was referred the communication of Charles C. Wilson, asking for an additional appropriation, respectfully offer the following resolution, and ask its adoption.

NICHOLAS BROUSE, *Chairman*,
SAM'L P. DUTTON,
JOHN F. MASCHER,
D. MURPHY.

Dec. 30, 1856.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the communication, together with the accompanying certificates from the City Controller, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

APPENDIX No. 99.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Special Committee appointed at

the meeting Sept. 11th, 1856, to investigate the accounts of the City Treasurer, did on Tuesday last address a note to the City Solicitor, of which the following is a copy:

COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBER, PHILADELPHIA, }
Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 23, 1856. }

WM. A. PORTER, ESQ.,
City Solicitor:

SIR:—We send you, by the Messenger, a printed copy of the report of the Special Committee appointed to investigate the accounts of the City Treasurer, with the testimony taken by the Committee and the Controller's statement of the receipts and disbursements by the City Treasurer, within a certain period.

The resolution adopted by Common Council at the meeting on Tuesday last, which you will find on page — of their journal, directs steps to be taken toward the impeachment of the City Treasurer, if the City Solicitor shall so advise, and we have adopted this mode of seeking your counsel and advice in the matter, so that the same may be submitted to Common Council, as the basis of any action the Committee may deem it proper to take in the premises.

ISAAC LEECH, JR., *Chairman,*
CHAS. F. ISEMINGER,
AND. MILLER.

To which, on Monday, Dec. 29, 1856, (yesterday) they received the following reply:

OPINION OF THE CITY SOLICITOR IN THE CASE OF THE CITY TREASURER.

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE, }
December 27th, 1856. }

ISAAC LEECH, JR.,
ANDREW MILLER,
CHARLES F. ISEMINGER. } *Esqrs., Committee, &c.*

GENTLEMEN:—I have received your communication of the 23d inst., requesting my advice in regard to the charges made against the City Treasurer, and the mode of proceeding therein.

If these charges be well founded, three modes of proceeding suggest themselves; namely: an impeachment, a binding over to the Criminal Court, and concurrently with either of these, an action on the official bond of the Treasurer. I proceed to notice in the first place the proceeding by impeachment, because in the resolution of Council, to which you refer, that mode of trial seems to be regarded with peculiar favor.

The attempts at impeachment in Pennsylvania have not been rare. They comprise the case of Francis Hopkinson, a Judge of the Court of Admiralty, for receiving gratuities from certain suitors; of Judge Addison for preventing his associate, Judge Lucas, from delivering a charge to the Grand Jury; of Chief Justice McKean, for the imprisonment of Eleazar Oswald; of John Nicholson, Comptroller General of the State, for certifying fraudulent certificates of loan; of Governor McKean, for endeavoring to nullify the election of Mr. Wolbert as Sheriff; of Chief Justice Shippen and Judges Yeates and Smith, for the imprisonment of Thomas Passmore; of Judge Cooper, for fining Jurors and for committing to prison a member of the Society of Friends for not removing his hat; of Judge Franks, for certain improprieties in his private life; of Judge Porter, for arbitrary conduct towards one of his associates on the bench; of Judge Chapman, for exhibiting bias and partiality, and not maintaining the dignity of the Court; of Judge Franklin, for unnecessarily delaying public business, and departing from the Court abruptly, &c.

In the history of the Federal Government, we have had the cases of Senator Blount, of Tennessee, for conspiring to lead an expedition against the Spanish possessions in Florida; of Judge Pickering, of New Hampshire, for refusing to take from a claimant in Court a bond for the return of goods libelled for a violation of the revenue laws; of Judge Chase, for oppressive conduct towards John Fries, on his trial for treason; of Judge Peck, for committing to prison Luke Lawless, the author of a denunciatory article published against the Court, in a public journal. Convictions took place

in two only of these numerous cases, viz.: in those of Judges Addison and Pickering—Judge Cooper having been removed, not by conviction, but by a legislative address to the Governor. The impression produced by such results, both on the professional and popular mind, has been that under the most favorable circumstances, an impeachment is next to an impossibility, and for the last quarter of a century it has been entirely abandoned in almost every State in the Union. In consequence, mainly, of this state of things, the tenure of Judges in Pennsylvania was much shortened by the Constitution of 1838, and the office has since been rendered elective.

In England, the history of impeachments has been very much the same. The only cases of success during the last two centuries, have occurred where the defendant had previously fallen under the ban of some powerful party, and where political considerations had affected the course of justice. The impeachments of the Duke of Suffolk, the Earl of Bristol, and the Duke of Buckingham, which were successful, will be found on examination to present no exception to this remark. In the case of Hastings, who has filled the world with the fame of his crimes, and who was tried for seven years and two months, with unexampled energy and eloquence, the defendant maintained the field against all his adversaries. I have adverted to these facts, to justify the remark that the impeachment of any public offender is not only a waste of time, but an exhibition of folly.

In the present case, the course of the proceedings can be stated beforehand with as much certainty as if they had taken place. The Select Council, who are to constitute the Court, meet once in each week for a few hours, and can scarcely command the time for the transaction of their ordinary business. There is no power to compel the attendance of members, and no power to detain them when assembled. Under the pressure of an impeachment proceeding, they would probably meet on three days in each week—a longer space of time there are few members who could spare

from their ordinary pursuits. The specification of charges against the Treasurer should embrace, with the highest possible accuracy and precision of language, the name, date, number and amount of every warrant improperly paid or left unpaid, and the facts on which the allegation of misdemeanor is based. On each and all of these specifications, counsel on both sides have the right to be heard, and each one of the twenty-four members of the body has an equal right. On the form and substance of every interrogatory put to a witness, the same species of discussion would undoubtedly take place, and it is well known to those conversant with legal proceedings, that in the absence of a judge clothed with power to stop them, such questions may be multiplied at pleasure. In the end, they could be decided only by a vote of the members, nine-tenths of whom necessarily profess no knowledge of the laws of evidence. Not a witness would be examined whose cross-examination might not be extended over one session of the Court. On the conclusion of the final arguments of counsel, the debate among the members would commence, with very little hope of terminating the proceedings before the advent of the twelve new members to be elected on the first Tuesday in May. The new members, unable to vote on testimony which they had not heard, would be compelled to hear the whole case anew. In the month of July, the Treasurer's term of office will expire, and after that period he would probably allow the Councils to proceed with the case at their leisure. I have deliberately considered the whole subject, and I am quite sure that if such a measure be resolved on, these anticipations of delay will be found to fall short of the reality. I desire, therefore, in this stage of the proceedings, to record, in the most positive manner, my official advice against an impeachment in any form whatever. It will but serve to consume time, end in nothing, and jeopard the vital interests which the public have in this matter. If the Treasurer be in fault, he would desire nothing better.

For such a case, a Criminal Court is the place, and

the only place. It affords the best means which the intelligence of mankind, after the experience of ages, has been able to devise for the investigation of a legal offence. It is armed with power to compel the attendance of witnesses, to decide promptly every question that may be stated, to conduct its proceedings with the necessary despatch, and more than all, to punish after it has convicted. In two days, it will do more than Councils can do in two months. For the investigation of such offences as those charged against the Treasurer, the law has made ample provision. The tenth section of the Act of Assembly of 2d February, 1854, provides that the Treasurer "shall, before he enters upon his office, take and subscribe an oath or affirmation, honestly to keep and account for all public moneys and property entrusted to his care; and if such Treasurer shall knowingly violate said oath, he shall be deemed guilty of perjury, and upon conviction thereof in the proper Court, be sentenced to undergo solitary imprisonment at hard labor in the Eastern Penitentiary, for the term of not less than one, nor more than ten years." This act fully meets the case, for it is certainly not honestly *accounting* for public moneys to refuse to pay warrants drawn by the proper departments, and it is certainly not honestly *keeping* the public moneys to speculate in the city warrants, for the Treasurer's own benefit, and it is neither honestly *keeping* nor *accounting* for public moneys to charge in his account, at their par value, warrants which have been purchased at a large discount. The 45th section of the same act provides that all officers elected by the qualified voters under that act, "shall be subject to removal for sufficient cause, in such manner as Councils may determine." A conviction for perjury under the previous section, would undoubtedly be a sufficient cause for such removal, and thus the same end to be reached by an impeachment would be much more speedily accomplished. It is equally clear that if others have joined with the Treasurer in these discreditable transactions, an indictment for a conspiracy would lie

against all the guilty participants in the fraud, an end which could not be reached by an impeachment.

A civil action may also be maintained on the official bond given by the Treasurer, for one hundred thousand dollars, which is secured by a lien on the real estate of his co-obligors. It is a principle of law, of universal application, that no man standing in a fiduciary relation, can make a profit out of the money of his principal. If the money be used, the latter is entitled to its increase. If the agent purchase claims against the principal for less than their nominal value, he can charge only the amount which he has actually paid. An Executor, Administrator, Trustee or Attorney, can make no purchase which will not enure to the benefit of the estate or party he represents. If the City Treasurer has, by himself or by the aid of others, directly or indirectly, purchased the warrants in question, for less than the amount of their face, or furnished the money to do so, or connived at such a purchase by others, for his own benefit, the amounts which he may thus have realized, when proved by competent testimony, can without difficulty be recovered by a proceeding on his official obligation. To these amounts may be added the costs which the city has been compelled to pay in suits brought on warrants which ought to have been discharged on presentation at the Treasury. And here I may incidentally remark, that no department of the city government has suffered from these causes more than the Law Department, for it happened that on one day in August last, we were compelled to attend to no fewer than *sixty* suits, brought on warrants, which, if your conclusions be correct, ought to have been paid at the Treasurer's counter. On other days almost as large a number of actions have been instituted—to the great discredit of the city, and to the reproach of justice.

As you have requested my advice in general terms, it may not be improper to say, that if the City Treasurer be justly liable to the accusations which your report contains, the investigation should be promptly and rigidly pushed forward. In this matter of public

plunder, we want an example of punishment which shall cause the ears of people to tingle. The evil is one of vast magnitude. The abstraction of a few hundred thousand dollars is bad enough, but not to be compared to the demoralization which such an act produces all over the face of society. The former may be made up by taxes wrung from those who have acquired property by honorable industry, but the effects of the latter on that vast mass of our population who subsist from day to day by honest toil, is a consideration which no human intelligence can fully compass. I say to you, therefore, most emphatically, that such an investigation is called for by every dictate of reason and every sentiment of justice.

It is equally proper to add that I know nothing whatever of Doctor Morton's participation in these offences, and it is certainly among the first social duties to consider every man innocent until he is proved to be guilty. The fact that he belongs to a political organization opposed to the party in power, should impose on us the highest moderation. So far I have seen nothing which would induce me as a juror to believe him guilty. The statements of the witnesses examined by the committee were necessarily *ex parte*, and those who are accustomed to the investigation of truth in courts of justice, know that the testimony of a witness, however respectable, who has not been cross-examined, is not worth one good rye straw. In what you have developed there is much that calls—and calls loudly—for explanation. For his own sake, for the cause of public morals, and for the credit of the public purse, it may be hoped that, at the proper time, he will be able to render it.

I have the honor to be, &c., &c.,

WM. A. PORTER,
City Solicitor.

In submitting this communication from the City Solicitor, the Committee would embrace the opportunity to observe, that the examination of witnesses by the Committee was necessarily *ex parte*, as the Solicitor has

properly stated. The examination was merely preliminary—such as are made by grand juries, prior to making up their presentments.

The Committee cannot agree with the Solicitor that the testimony of witnesses who have not been cross-examined, is not, as a general rule, worth one good rye straw.

The fact that numerous warrants were daily presented to the Treasurer, within the period named in the report of the Committee, and payment refused, is known by hundreds of persons other than those examined by the Committee; and the fact that some of the warrants, payment of which was refused to the original holders, were, within twenty-four, forty-eight and seventy-two hours after they had been sold to a broker, found in the Treasurer's possession, paid, is proven by the account-books of the department.

And the allegation that the warrants presented by the original holders could not be paid because the balances in the Treasury were not applicable to the payment of them, is negatived by the fact proven by the Treasurer's account-books, that the same warrants were paid to somebody, and by the fact proven by the Treasurer's weekly reports to the Controller, that several thousand dollars per day were paid out of the Treasury on warrants.

The testimony of the brokers, that they purchased large amounts of city warrants, at a heavy discount, is corroborated by that of the Supervisors, that they sold the warrants, and the fact that Mr. Joseph R. Flanigen does not attempt to deny that he took the warrants from the brokers, under an arrangement with them, is strongly corroborative of their testimony on that point.

The Committee fully agree with the City Solicitor as to the heinousness of the offence with which the Treasurer, by the testimony adduced, stands charged, and as to the necessity for a prompt and thorough investigation of the case by the tribunal that will bring

it to the earliest consummation; and, with this view, they submit the annexed resolutions, and recommend their adoption.

ISAAC LEECH, JR.,
CHAS. F. ISEMINGER,
AND. MILLER.

Dec. 30, 1856.

RESOLUTIONS

To authorize the commencement of legal proceedings against the City Treasurer, for misdemeanor in office.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the District Attorney is hereby requested to institute such proceedings against the City Treasurer, for misdemeanor in office, as to him shall seem warranted by the testimony recently adduced before a Committee of Common Council, and also against such other persons as he may discover have been concerned in transactions connected with the Treasury Department that are discreditable to the city and contrary to law.

Resolved, That the City Solicitor is hereby requested to act in aid of the District Attorney, in the commencement and prosecution of the said proceedings, and to engage such other counsel as the Mayor of the City and himself may deem necessary to insure a thorough and energetic prosecution of the same.

APPENDIX No. 100.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CITY PROPERTY.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on City Property, to whom was referred the Estimate of the Commissioner of City Property, have had the same under consideration, and report the same back with the following re-

duction; that is to say: Strike out five hundred and sixty dollars (\$560) from item five, for Janitors' salaries of Public Halls, making the same read, \$3,440.

Respectfully submitted.

THOS. J. ROBERTS, *Chairman*,
D. BEVAN,
C. B. F. O'NEILL,
FRANCIS McMANUS.

Dec. 30, 1856.

ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATIONS

For the Department of City Property, for the year 1857.

Item No. 1, salaries of Commissioner and Messenger,	\$2,000 00
" 2, office expenses and stationery,	400 00
" 3, salaries at tobacco warehouse,	1,160 00
" 4, labor and expenses "	500 00
" 5, salaries of Janitors at Public Halls,	4,000 00
" 6, cleansing Public Halls, and incidentals,	500 00
" 7, salaries of watchmen at State House Row and superintendent,	2,600 00
" 8, salaries of watchmen at Wire Bridge,	1,000 00
" 9, salaries of watchmen at State House steeple,	1,500 00
" 10, salaries of superintendents at Public Squares,	4,700 00
" 11, for the improvement of Fairmount Park,	5,000 00
" 12, for the improvement of Norris Square, laying out and planting trees,	5,000 00
" 13, for the improvement of Hunting Park,	8,000 00
" 14, salaries of clock-keepers,	500 00
" 15, cleansing and repairing clocks,	500 00
" 16, rent of offices of City Treasurer and Controller,	3,000 00

Item No. 17, State taxes on property in charge of the Department,	1,500 00
“ 18, repairs on city property, roofing and painting,	8,000 00
“ 19, interest on mortgages and ground rent,	7,666 00
“ 20, curbing and paving around city property,	1,000 00
“ 21, repairing, cleansing and supplying the courts, county offices and law building with fuel, &c.,	5,000 00
“ 22, expenses of Public Squares,	4,000 00
“ 23, repairing and painting the Wire Bridge,	2,500 00
“ 24, rent of city law building,	3,500 00
“ 25, insurance on city property,	75 00
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APPENDIX No. 101.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CITY PROPERTY.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on City Property have had under consideration the Resolution from Select Council, granting the use of a certain portion of Spring Garden Hall to the “Wagner Free Institute of Science,” and report the same with the recommendation that it be passed. Respectfully submitted.

THOS. J. ROBERTS, *Chairman*,
C. B. F. O’NEILL,
D. BEVAN,
FRANCIS McMANUS.

Dec. 30, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 102.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CITY PROPERTY.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on City Property, to whom was referred an Ordinance supplementary to an Ordinance, approved October 19, 1854, entitled, "An Ordinance establishing the Department of Market Houses," report the same back as committed, and respectfully ask its adoption.

THOS. J. ROBERTS, *Chairman*,
C. B. F. O'NEILL,
D. BEVAN,
FRANCIS McMANUS.

Dec. 30, 1856.

A SUPPLEMENT

To an Ordinance, approved October 19th, 1854, entitled, "An Ordinance Establishing the Department of Market Houses."

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That there shall be in the Department of Market Houses a Clerk, who shall be nominated, and, with the approval of Select Council, appointed, by the Commissioner of Market Houses, and removable at his pleasure.

SEC. 2. The salary of the said Clerk shall be six hundred dollars per annum, and he shall perform such duties as the Commissioner of Market Houses may from time to time direct, and such duties also as may hereafter be prescribed by Ordinance.

SEC. 3. Before entering upon the duties of his office, the said Clerk shall give bond with two or more sureties, to be approved by Select Council, in the sum of \$2,000, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of his office, and shall take and subscribe before the Mayor, an oath or affirmation, that he will faithfully perform the duties of his office to the best of his ability.

APPENDIX No. 103.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CITY PROPERTY.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on City Property, to whom was referred the Ordinance from Select Council, providing for the payment of the claim of Geo. Freeman, for services, &c., in the sale of certain City property in 1855 and 1856, report that they have had the same under consideration, and recommend that it be passed. Respectfully submitted.

THOS. J. ROBERTS, *Chairman,*

D. BEVAN,

C. B. F. O'NEILL,

FRANCIS McMANUS.

Dec. 30, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 104.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred a communication from Charles C. Wilson, late Commissioner of Markets, and certain statements by the City Controller in reference thereto, as per Appendix No. 98, respectfully report the following resolution, and ask its adoption:

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the communication of Charles C. Wilson, late Commissioner of Markets, together with the City Controller's statements of the deficiencies in his accounts, be referred to the City Solicitor, for such action as he may think proper.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman,*

THOS. CRAVEN,

ABR. BAKER,

ROB'T KERSHAW.

Jan. 8, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 105.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the amendments of Select Council to an ordinance passed by Common Council, entitled “An Ordinance to make an Appropriation to pay certain Judgments,” report the same as committed, and recommend concurrence.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,

ABR. BAKER,

THOS. CRAVEN,

ROB'T KERSHAW.

Jan. 8, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 106.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have had under consideration the appropriation bills for the different departments, for the year 1857, eight of which they now report and ask their adoption, to wit: For the “Department of Law,” “Board of Health,” “Trustees of the City Ice Boat,” “City Controller,” “Lighting, extinguishing, cleansing and repairing Public Lamps,” “Inspectors of the County Prison,” “Police Department,” and “Clerks of Councils.”

Your Committee expect to be able to report the appropriation bills for the other departments, at the next meeting of Councils. All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,

ABR. BAKER,

ROBERT KERSHAW,

THOS. CRAVEN.

Jan. 8, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To make appropriations for the Expenses of the Police Department for the year 1857, and to pay certain claims for expenses incurred during the year 1856.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of three hundred and ninety-three thousand one hundred and ten dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, for the payment of the expenses of the Police Department, for the year 1857, that is to say :

1. For salary of the Mayor, thirty-five hundred dollars,	\$3,500 00
For salary of Mayor's clerk, one thousand dollars,	1,000 00
For salary of the Marshal, to May 4th, 1857, eight hundred and sixty-one dollars and nine cents,	861 09
For salary of Marshal's clerk, to May 4th, 1857, two hundred and ninety-two dollars, seventy-six cents,	292 76
For salaries of eight High Constables, at seven hundred dollars each,	5,600 00
For salaries of four Special Officers, at six hundred dollars each,	2,400 00
For salaries of two Messengers, five hundred dollars each,	1,000 00
For salaries of sixteen Lieutenants, six hundred and fifty dollars each,	10,400 00
For salaries of thirty-two Sergeants, at six hundred dollars each,	19,200 00
For salaries of six hundred and fifty policemen, five hundred dollars each,	325,000 00
For the Chief of Police and clerk, to be authorized by Ordinance hereafter, seventeen hundred and forty-six dollars and fifteen cents,	1,746 15
2. FOR STATION HOUSES—Rent in litigation, two hundred dollars,	200 00
Rent in Fifteenth Ward, two hundred and seventy-five dollars,	275 00

Rent in Twenty-fourth Ward, two hundred and fifty dollars,	\$250 00
Rent in Hestonville, fifty dollars,	50 00
Water rent for twenty-one Station Houses at ten dollars each,	210 00
For fuel for Station Houses, one thousand dollars,	1,000 00
For gas for Station Houses, thirteen hundred and sixty-five dollars,	1,365 00
3. For carrying prisoners by Vans, from Station Houses, five thousand dollars,	5,000 00
4. For cleansing seventeen Station Houses, rooms and cells, twenty-six hundred and fifty-two dollars,	2,652 00
For meals for prisoners, one hundred and eighty dollars,	180 00
For medical attendance and accidents, fifty dollars,	50 00
For repairs to Station Houses and cells, six hundred dollars,	600 00
For house furniture, three hundred dollars,	300 00
For incidentals, two hundred and eighteen dollars,	218 00
5. For stationery and printing blanks, public notices, police returns, for Mayor, Marshal and Lieutenants of Police, one thousand five hundred and sixty dollars,	1,560 00
6. For arrests and conviction of offenders, one thousand dollars,	1,000 00
For foreign telegraph expenses, one hundred and seventy-five dollars,	175 00
For mattresses and pillows, four hundred dollars,	400 00
For badges and rattles, four hundred dollars,	400 00
For stoves and heaters, and repairs to the same, eleven hundred dollars,	1,100 00
For postage and portorage, one hundred and twenty-five dollars,	125 00

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| 7. For expenses of taking up and killing dogs, one thousand dollars, | \$1,000 00 |
| 8. For salaries of Superintendent of Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph, twelve hundred dollars, | 1,200 00 |
| For salary of Assistant, five hundred dollars, | 500 00 |
| For acids and repairs, three hundred dollars, | 300 00 |
| 9. For expenses to be incurred in procuring of evidence, and in the investigation of alleged violators of law, for the items of which satisfactory vouchers shall be furnished by the Mayor to the City Controller, two thousand dollars, | 2,000 00 |

SECTION 2. That the sum of eleven thousand nine hundred and sixty-eight dollars and fourteen cents be and the same is hereby appropriated to pay certain claims incurred during the year 1856.

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| For salaries of six hundred and fifty men, for nine days in December, at \$1 37½ each per day, eight thousand and fourteen dollars and fifty cents, | \$8,014 50 |
| For expenses of Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph, incurred by removal from Station House, acids, repairs and breakage, six hundred and fifty dollars, | 650 00 |
| For cleaning Station Houses in November and December, four hundred and forty-two dollars, | 442 00 |
| For bills rendered for gas in November and December, Philadelphia Gas Trust, four hundred and four dollars and twenty-two cents, | 404 22 |
| Manayunk, twenty-five dollars and thirty-one cents, | 25 31 |
| Richmond, fifteen dollars and ninety-three cents, | 15 93 |
| Northern Liberties, ninety-eight dollars and one cent, | 98 01 |

Kensington, sixty-one dollars and seventy-five cents,	\$61 75
For gas in December, two hundred and ninety-four dollars and seventy-eight cents,	294 78
Arnold & Wilson, for furnace pipes and repairs at the Mayor's office, thirty dollars and sixty-six cents,	30 66
Cameron, Brown & Moore, for gas fitting at Station House, 15th and Filbert streets, seventeen dollars and sixty-five cents,	17 65
S. H. Beamer, for conveying prisoners by Van, from August 1st, 1856, to December 31st, 1856, six hundred and twelve dollars,	612 00
Jacob Gore, paper hanging, Central office, thirty-three dollars and seven cents,	33 07
Underwood & Welsh, for plastering at Moyamensing Hall, seventy-five dollars,	75 00
T. J. Watson, for rent of Branch Station, 24th Ward, fifty dollars,	50 00
Robert Ralston, for fluid for 20th Ward Station House, fifteen dollars and thirty cents,	15 30
J. Johnson & Co., for plumbing and gas fitting at 9th and 10th Ward Station Houses, fifty-six dollars and sixty-six cents,	56 66
William Rich & Co., stove pipe, &c., at 5th Ward Station House, seventeen dollars and sixty cents,	17 60
Philadelphia Water Works, five dollars and seventy-five cents,	5 75
E. H. Allen, repairs at 23d Ward Station House, twenty-eight dollars and fifty cts.	28 50
F. G. & V. J. Fraser, for mattresses and pillows, fifty dollars and forty cents,	50 40
John Amos, removing fixtures, 11th District, nine dollars,	9 00
William Pinchin, for badges, two hundred and ninety-two dollars and fifty cents,	292 50

C. Bard & Co., for badges, one hundred dollars,	\$100 00
Joseph R. Coad, medical attendance on prisoners, thirty-six dollars,	36 00
John Cox, for same, nineteen dollars and fifty cents,	19 50
William Teaf, for heater, pipe and repairs at 21st Ward Station House, thirty-seven dollars and thirty-five cents,	37 35
John Kames, for painting at 9th Ward Station House, thirty-eight dollars,	38 00
J. Fitzpatrick, for glazing done at the Mayor's office, Southwark Hall, and painting at the Central office, sixty-three dollars and eighty cents,	63 80
William Kelly, for plumbing done at the Moyamensing Hall, fifty-one dollars and seventy-eight cents,	51 78
Wright, Hunter & Co., for gas fitting done at 6th Ward Station House, twenty-six dollars and ten cents,	26 10
George Young, for gas fitting at the Moyamensing Hall, sixty-four dollars and twenty-five cents,	64 25
John McFaull, for carpenter work at Central and other Stations, one hundred and ninety-eight dollars and seventy-seven cents,	198 77
John Welsh, for plastering done at the Central Station, thirty-two dollars,	32 00

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to the Inspectors of the County Prison, for the year 1857.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of seventy-three thousand nine hundred and ninety-four dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to the Inspectors of the County Prison, for the payment of the expenses of said prison, for the year 1857, as follows :

For wheat and rye flour and corn meal, twelve thousand four hundred dollars,	\$12,400
For beef, mutton and pork, twelve thousand three hundred dollars,	12,300
For sugar, rice, molasses, coffee, tea, vinegar, oat meal, barley, and other groceries and provisions, eight thousand four hundred and fifty dollars,	8,450
For oil and soap, seventeen hundred and fifty dollars,	1,750
For potatoes and vegetables generally, one thousand eight hundred dollars,	1,800
For drugs and medicines, eight hundred dolls.	800
For hay, feed and straw, five hundred dollars,	500
For omnibus tickets, one hundred and fifty dollars,	150
For stationery and printing, including annual report, seven hundred dollars,	700
For brushes and hardware, four hundred dolls.	400
For tobacco for prisoners, one hundred dolls.	100
For milk and ice, three hundred and fifty dollars,	350
For hops, malt, lime and buckets, two hundred dollars,	200
For discharge of prisoners, as per Act of Assembly, two hundred and fifty dollars,	250
For water rents, five hundred and fourteen dollars,	514
For Hospitals, three hundred dollars,	300
For over-work of prisoners, eight hundred dollars,	800
For miscellaneous, two hundred dollars,	200
FOR FUEL—Coal, four thousand dollars,	4,000
Wood, one hundred dollars,	100
Charcoal, one hundred and fifty dollars,	150
For clothing and bedding, three thousand two hundred and eighty dollars,	3,280
For lumber, brass cocks, lead pipe, tin, paints, glass, iron, copper, and repairs, one thousand five hundred dollars,	1,500

For gas, nine hundred dollars,	\$900
For salary of Superintendent, twelve hundred dollars,	1,200
For salary of Deputy Superintendent, nine hundred dollars,	900
For salary of Clerk, one thousand dollars,	1,000
For salary of Physician, eight hundred dolls.	800
For salary of Apothecary, seven hundred dolls.	700
For salary of the Superintendent of Shoe Department, eight hundred dollars,	800
For salary of the Keeper of the Shoe Department, eight hundred dollars,	800
For salary of two Gate Keepers, at seven hundred dollars each,	1,400
For salaries of eight Keepers, at seven hundred dollars each,	5,600
For salary of one Keeper, at seven hundred and fifty dollars,	750
For salary of Baker, five hundred dollars,	500
For salary of Cook, five hundred dollars,	500
For salaries of five Watchmen, at five hundred dollars each,	2,500
For salary of Messenger, five hundred dollars,	500
For salary of Fireman, five hundred dollars,	500
For salary of Matron, four hundred and fifty dollars,	450
For salary of Assistant Matron, four hundred and fifty dollars,	450
For salary of Prison Agent, nine hundred dollars,	900
For salary of Keeper of the Debtors' Apartment, seven hundred dollars,	700
For fuel for Debtors' Apartment, two hundred dollars,	200
For gas for Debtors' Apartment, one hundred dollars,	100
For supplies and subsistence of Debtors' Apartment, eight hundred and fifty dollars,	850

SECTION 2. That warrants for the said appropriations shall be drawn, in conformity with existing ordinances.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to the Clerks of Councils, for the expenses of Councils, for the year 1857.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of thirty thousand one hundred and twenty dollars (\$30,120) be and the same is hereby appropriated to the Clerks of Councils, for the year 1857, as follows :

For the salary of the Clerk of Select Council, twelve hundred dollars,	\$1,200 00
For the salary of the Clerk of Common Council, twelve hundred dollars,	1,200 00
For the salary of the Assistant Clerk of the Select Council, one thousand dollars,	1,000 00
For the salary of the Assistant Clerk of the Common Council, one thousand dollars,	1,000 00
For the salaries of three Messengers of Select and Common Councils, two thousand one hundred dollars,	2,100 00
For the salary of the Door-Keeper, one hundred and twenty dollars,	120 00
For advertising, five thousand dollars,	5,000 00
For printing Journal and Ordinances, eleven thousand five hundred dollars,	11,500 00
For stationery, printing and binding, four thousand five hundred dollars,	4,500 00
For carriage hire for Committees, cleansing rooms, and other expenses, two thousand five hundred dollars,	2,500 00

SECTION 2. That warrants for the payment of said appropriation shall be drawn in conformity with existing ordinances.

 AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to the Department of the City Controller, for the year 1857.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of thirteen thousand three hundred and sixty-six dollars and sixty-six cents be and the same is hereby appropriated

to the Department of the City Controller, for the year 1857, for the following purposes, namely:

Salary of the Controller, twenty-five hundred dollars,	\$2,500 00
Salary of Chief Clerk, twelve hundred dolls.	1,200 00
Salaries of six Assistant Clerks, forty-eight hundred dollars,	4,800 00
Salary of Miscellaneous Clerk, from 16th December, 1856, to 31st December, 1857, inclusive, eight hundred and thirty-three dollars and thirty-three cents,	833 33
Salaries of two temporary Clerks, for four months, five hundred and thirty-three dollars and thirty-three cents,	533 33
Salary of Messenger, five hundred dollars,	500 00
Cleansing Office, two hundred dollars,	200 00
Advertising Annual Statement of 1856, in two daily newspapers, two thousand dolls.	2,000 00
Books and stationery, five hundred dollars,	500 00
Incidental expenses, three hundred dollars,	300 00

SECTION 2. That warrants for the said appropriation shall be drawn in conformity with existing ordinances.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an Appropriation to the Board of Health for the expenses of that Department for the year 1857, and the payment of claims for the removal of nuisances in 1856.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of thirty-seven thousand eight hundred and eighty-six dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to the Board of Health for the year 1857, for the following purposes, viz:

For the salaries of the Officers of the Health Office, viz:—Health Officer, Principal Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Messenger, Assistant Messenger, Port Physician, Runner and Bargemen, seven thousand eight hundred and twenty dollars,

\$7,820 00

For salaries of the Officers at the Lazeretto Station, viz:—Lazeretto Physician, Quarantine Master, Steward, Nurses, Barge-men and Inspectors of Vessels, five thousand five hundred and forty-five dollars,	\$5,545 00
For the salaries of Officers and Nurses at the City Hospital, viz:—Matron, Nurses, Watchmen and Physician, one thousand six hundred and forty dollars,	1,640 00
For expenses of City Hospital, as follows:	
Board of Watchmen and Nurses, four hundred and sixteen dollars,	416 00
Board of Patients, six hundred dollars,	600 00
Coffins, and digging graves, one hundred and fifty dollars,	150 00
Iron Bedsteads, one hundred dollars,	100 00
Coal, Wood, and Hauling, three hundred dollars,	300 00
Horse and keep, two hundred and fifty dollars,	250 00
Medicines, one hundred and fifty dollars,	150 00
Bed and other Clothing, two hundred and fifty dollars,	250 00
Ice, seventy-five dollars,	75 00
Bedding and straw, one hundred dollars,	100 00
Wagon for the sick, one hundred and twenty-five dollars,	125 00
Repairs and Miscellaneous, one hundred and fifty dollars,	150 00
Carriage hire and Omnibus tickets for Sanitary Committee, two hundred and forty dollars,	240 00
For the expenses of Lazaretto Station, viz:	
Carrying the mail, three hundred dollars,	300 00
Clothing, bedding, brushes, soap and Hospital Furniture, four hundred dollars,	400 00
Medicines, lime and chloride, two hundred and eighty-five dollars,	285 00
Coffins, one hundred dollars,	100 00
Coal, wood, oil and fluid, one hundred and fifty dollars,	150 00

Filling Ice House, seventy-five dollars,	\$75 00
Horse keep, one hundred and seventy-five dollars,	175 00
Taxes, one hundred and twenty-five dollars,	125 00
Carriage hire and Railroad tickets, for the Lazaretto Committee, two hundred and forty dollars,	240 00
Board of Patients, Nurses and Bargemen, nine hundred dollars,	900 00
Repairs, two hundred dollars,	200 00
Outer channel visits, two hundred and seventy-five dollars,	275 00
For the expenses of Health Office—taxes, fuel, gas, water rent, and repairs, five hundred dollars,	500 00
Printing and publishing, eight hundred dollars,	800 00
Stationery and blanks, two hundred and fifty dollars,	250 00
Office Furniture, postage, cleaning, and other incidental expenses, one hundred and fifty dollars,	150 00
Bills of mortality, three hundred and fifty dollars,	350 00
Carriage hire and Omnibus tickets, for Poudrette Committee, one hundred dollars,	100 00
Carriage hire and Omnibus tickets, for District Committees, two hundred dollars,	200 00
Removal of nuisances, twelve thousand dollars,	12,000 00
Salaries of Vaccine Physicians, twelve hundred dollars,	1,200 00
Salaries of Collectors of Vaccine Cases, twelve hundred dollars,	1,200 00

SEC. 2. That the further sum of six thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to the Board of Health, to pay claims for the removal of nuisances, during the year 1856.

SEC. 3. That warrants for the said appropriation shall be drawn in conformity with existing ordinances.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation for the Expenses of the Law Department, for the year 1857.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of seven teen thousand seven hundred and thirty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to the Law Department, for the expenses thereof, for the year 1857, to be applied as follows, namely :

For salaries, six thousand five hundred dolls.	\$6,500 00
For advertising liens, two thousand five hundred dollars,	2,500 00
For Prothonotaries' costs, two thousand dollars,	2,000 00
For Sheriff's costs, five thousand dollars,	5,000 00
For blank books and stationery, three hundred dollars,	300 00
For printing, two hundred dollars,	200 00
For service of subpœnas, one hundred and fifty dollars,	150 00
For witness fees, certified copies of papers and plans, two hundred and ten dollars,	210 00
For care of Office, one hundred and twenty dollars,	120 00
For miscellaneous expenses, two hundred and fifty dollars,	250 00
For advertising and posting notices of plans, surveys, and incidental expenses, two hundred dollars,	200 00
For law books for department, fifty dollars,	50 00
For professional services of Wm. B. Reed, in the case of George M. Hill, two hundred and fifty dollars,	250 00

SECTION 2. That warrants for the said appropriation shall be drawn in conformity with existing ordinances.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation for furnishing Gas, and lighting, extinguishing, cleansing and repairing the Public Lamps, and for the erection of New Lamps, for the year 1857.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of two hundred and thirty-two thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of lighting, extinguishing, cleansing and repairing the public lamps, for the year 1857, as per contract made between the Mayor of the City and the Trustees of the City Gas Works, under an Ordinance of Councils, approved February 16th, 1856; and for the erection of new lamps, as follows:

For furnishing gas, lighting, extinguishing, cleansing and repairing the public lamps now in use, January 1st, 1857, being five thousand five hundred and twenty-five, at thirty-eight dollars and forty cents each, two hundred and twelve thousand one hundred and sixty dollars,	\$212,160 00
For new lamps, lighted during the year, as may be directed by Councils, eight thousand nine hundred and sixty dollars,	8,960 00
For the erection of new lamps that Councils may direct to be put up, seven thousand three hundred and fifty dollars,	7,350 00
For altering fluid lamps to gas, twelve hundred and sixty dollars,	1,260 00
For repairs during the year, two thousand two hundred and seventy dollars,	2,270 00

SECTION 2. That warrants for the payment of any part of the said appropriations shall be drawn in the manner and form, and with all the requisites contained in an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance providing for lighting, extinguishing, cleansing and repairing the public lamps," approved February 16th, 1856.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation for the use of the Trustees of the City Ice Boat, for the year 1857, and for the payment of debts contracted by said Trustees, without authority, during the year 1856.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of eleven thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to the Trustees of the City Ice Boat, for the following purposes, for the year 1857, namely:

For repairs to boat and machinery, three thousand dollars,	\$3,000 00
For fuel, four thousand dollars,	4,000 00
For wages, two thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars,	2,750 00
For provisions, eight hundred and fifty dollars,	850 00
For insurance, wharfage, stationery and incidental expenses, four hundred dollars,	400 00

SECTION 2. That the further sum of ten thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to pay debts contracted by said Trustees, without authority, in the year 1856, for repairs to boat and machinery.

SECTION 3. That warrants for the said appropriations shall be drawn in conformity with existing ordinances.

APPENDIX No. 107.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report for the action of Councils the annexed Ordinance: “To merge the Department of Market Houses into the Department of City Property, giving the Department of City Property an additional Clerk, and abolishing the offices of Clerks of the Market,” at the

expiration of the term of office for which they were elected.

Your Committee desire to learn the views of Common Council on this Ordinance, at this time, as upon its passage will depend a different arrangement of the Appropriation Bill for the Departments of Market Houses and City Property; all of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
THOS. CRAVEN,
ABR. BAKER,
ROBERT KERSHAW.

Jan. 8, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To merge the Department of Market Houses into the Department of City Property; giving the Department of City Property an additional Clerk, and abolishing the offices of the Clerks of Markets.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the Department of Market Houses be, and the same is hereby abolished, from and after the passage hereof.

SEC. 2. That in addition to the duties of the Commissioner of City Property, now devolving on him by law, the said Commissioner of City Property shall, from and after the passage hereof, discharge all the duties heretofore enjoined upon the Commissioner of Market Houses, including all the duties formerly enjoined upon the Superintendent of Wharves and Landings, and which by Ordinance, entitled, "An Ordinance supplementary to an Ordinance, approved October 19, 1854, entitled an Ordinance to Establish and Organize the Department of Market Houses," approved September 20, 1856, were enjoined upon the said Commissioner of Market Houses.

SEC. 3. That in addition to the officers now allowed by law in the Department of City Property, there shall be a clerk, and the present Commissioner of Market Houses shall be said clerk until the expiration of his term of office as Commissioner aforesaid; and thereafter, the Commissioner of City Property shall nomi-

nate and, with the approval of Select Council, appoint a clerk, who shall be removable at the pleasure of the said Commissioner of City Property. The salary of said clerk shall be nine hundred dollars per annum, payable quarterly.

SEC. 4. That the offices of all Clerks of the Markets in the City of Philadelphia be and the same are hereby abolished, from and after the expiration of the terms of office of the present Clerks of Markets.

APPENDIX No. 108.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRUSTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, to whom was referred the application of the Independence Hose Company, asking admittance into the Fire Department, have had the same under consideration, and would offer the following Resolution, and ask its adoption:

Resolved, That the services of the Independence Hose Company be accepted, and they be admitted into the Fire Department.

Very respectfully,
W. S. WINSHIP, *Chairman*,
ROBERT KERSHAW,
ANDREW J. BAKER,
B. F. WRIGHT.

Jan. 8, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 109.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GAS WORKS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—Petitions, with names of many and respectable citizens, have been presented to Councils,

asking that the several Gas Works which are now owned by private Companies, shall be purchased by the City, and placed under the management of the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works.

These petitions assert, that "the gas furnished to them is of a very inferior illuminating quality; that they are required to pay a much higher price for it than is charged to citizens of other portions of the City for gas of a better quality; that a number of persons who have introduced gas pipes and fixtures into their dwellings, can get no gas, because some of the Companies are unwilling to extend their mains;" and they therefore "claim as a right that the Works of these Companies be purchased by the City, or that the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works be required to extend their mains for the purpose of supplying the petitioners."

The object and prayer of these petitioners can be gained in two ways. The one, by the City directing the Trustees to extend their mains into streets where the mains of the several private Companies are now laid, which the City have an undoubted right to do; the other, by the purchase of their Works by the City.

The Ordinance, "For the regulation of the Department of Gas," approved March 20, 1855, provides:

"That the Trustees shall be authorized to negotiate for the purchase (subject to the approval of Councils) of the property of the Northern Liberties Gas Company, the Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Company, the Kensington Gas Company, the Richmond Gas Company, the Germantown Gas Company, and the Manayunk Gas Company; in case the Trustees shall not be able to agree with either of the above Gas Companies upon such terms as shall be satisfactory to Councils, the Trustees of the City Gas Works shall be authorized, and upon application of the citizens residing in those portions of the City, lighted by the above Gas Companies, may extend the mains of the City Gas Works into such Districts or Sections, and proceed to supply the public lamps and furnish the citizens thereof with gas, subject to all the conditions and regulations

of this or any other ordinance duly enacted by Councils, and at the same price as may be charged to citizens residing out of such Districts."

Your Committee are of the opinion that no difficulty will arise with the several Gas Companies in regard to the purchase of their Works by the City, upon terms and for prices which will be satisfactory, as well to Councils as to the several Companies interested; and your Committee therefore recommend, rather than that the mains of the City Gas Works should be extended into portions of the City now supplied by those Companies, that their Works shall be purchased. Thus the wishes of the citizens will be met, and no complaint can be made by individuals interested in the several private Companies.

Your Committee, in association with the Trustees of the Gas Works, have had several interviews with the officers of the different Gas Companies, and as the result of those interviews and of their investigations into the actual cost and present value of these properties, recommend their purchase for the following sums:—

That is to say, for the Works of the	
Germantown Gas Company,	\$85,000 00
Richmond " "	16,500 00
Kensington " "	90,000 00
Northern Liberties Gas Company,	360,000 00
Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Comp.,	109,000 00
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	\$660,500 00

The plain object of the petitioners, who have applied to Councils for relief, is to obtain their supply of gas upon the same terms, and of as good quality, as it is furnished to their fellow-citizens who reside in other sections of the City. That their desires are reasonable cannot be questioned, and it would seem to be the duty of Councils to take immediate measures to place all citizens, as far as possible, upon an equality in this respect. This was one among many benefits contemplated in the "Act of Consolidation," and it has been already partially effected.

Under the provisions of the Ordinance of March 20,

1855, above referred to, the Gas Works of the late Districts of Spring Garden, Moyamensing, West Philadelphia, Belmont, and the late Borough of Frankford were purchased from the City, by the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works, and consolidated under the same efficient management with the original Gas Works of the City; and the citizens of these sections, with the exception of Frankford, are supplied with gas made at the City Gas Works, at an uniform price and quality.

In recommending to Councils the purchase of these Works, your Committee feel that it would be unworthy of them and of the City government to propose any other than a just and liberal settlement with the various companies. They invested their capital in these works without the least apprehension that they would be disturbed in the profitable use and enjoyment of it. Besides, in the early history of all of them, they were unprofitable to the stockholders; and it is but right, therefore, that now, since the difficulties attendant on all such undertakings have been overcome, and they are reaping the reward of their enterprise, they should not be made sufferers by any action of Councils, or by the exercise of any power which might injure or render their works valueless. They are our fellow-citizens, and their interests in the prosperity of the city are one with ours.

In estimating the value of the works, your Committee are happy to believe that, at the prices which they recommend to be paid for them, the Trustees will be enabled, by the same economy, skill, and energy with which they have thus far managed the works under their control, to continue to furnish gas at one uniform price to all citizens; and they have reason to believe that the consumption of gas, on all the lines of gas mains, now owned by these various companies, will be greatly increased as soon as the price shall be reduced.

It will be observed that, in the proposed purchase, the works of all the gas companies are included, with the exception of Manayunk. Several reasons exist to render the purchase of those works by the city at least

premature. The citizens of that section of our city have not applied to Councils, to ask to have their gas works incorporated with those of the city works. It is to be presumed, therefore, that they are satisfied with the price and quality of the gas which is furnished to them, and that they desire no change. Nor would a change at this time be of any advantage to them. Were those works under the control of the Trustees, it is not probable they would continue to manufacture gas at them, and to supply it at a lower rate than is now paid by the consumers of gas at Manayunk. And if they were to be supplied from the city works, it would require so many miles of main to be laid, at great cost, through a portion of the city which is rural in its character and consumes no gas,—that an additional price must needs be charged to reimburse that expense; for none would be so unreasonable as to expect to receive their gas at less than cost.

It should be understood that after these different works are purchased and consolidated, the whole of the gas now supplied by them will, as soon as possible, be made at and supplied from the city gas works. It is only by manufacturing it at one place and in large quantities, that it can be furnished at the low rate we now pay for it. It will, therefore, become necessary to enlarge the capacity of the works at Point Breeze, to fit them to meet the great demand that will be made upon them. The mains, too, must be extended; service-pipe and meters must be provided, and the working capital be increased. It is equally important that Councils should authorize the means for these objects, as for the purchase of the works, and your Committee have made provision for them. And, inasmuch as parts of some of the works to be purchased will be of no use or value to the Trustees, it is likewise provided that they shall be authorized to sell the same; and also all or any portion of the ground occupied by them; and to apply the proceeds to the general enlargement of the works, and to the extension of the mains and meters.

To enable the Trustees to carry out fully all the ob-

jects contemplated by this measure, it is necessary to authorize a loan of one million five hundred thousand dollars, which includes the sums to be paid for the works. But let not our tax-payers, or the holders of the city's bonds, be alarmed at this apparent increase of the debt of Philadelphia; so far from adding to our burdens, it will in time lighten them. The profits from the sale of gas will enable the Trustees to pay not only the interest on this nominal loan, but, in addition, to set aside annually such a sum for a sinking fund, that long before the bonds fall due, the money will be earned and saved to meet them.

The capital now invested in the Philadelphia Gas Works is about two millions six hundred thousand dollars (\$2,600,000). After paying punctually the interest on all the loans, and keeping the works in the most efficient repair, the net profits have amounted to one million two hundred thousand dollars (\$1,200,000). This large sum is invested principally in city and gas loans, and this portion of it is held as a sinking fund, in accordance with the provisions of the several Ordinances authorizing the loans. The remainder, which is over and above what the loans require to be set aside annually for the sinking fund, has been invested in works, mains, service-pipe and meters. It is styled the "Contingent Fund," in the accounts of the Trustees, and amounts now to three hundred and thirty-six thousand dollars (\$336,000). There have been authorized, at various times, nine loans for the use of the City Gas Works, amounting in all to one million eight hundred and seventy thousand dollars (\$1,870,000). The first of these loans is not redeemable until the year 1861—the last not until 1885. The sinking fund is now equal in amount to, and consequently adequate to redeem the first six loans in full, amounting in the aggregate to \$770,000. With the consent of the holders thereof, they could be paid off to-day.

With a sinking fund which accumulates so rapidly, what is to prevent the redemption, in the course of time, of the entire debt of the city, out of the profits arising from the sale of gas?

With such results, the Councils will not hesitate to make the Philadelphia Gas Works as extensively useful as the wants of the people may require.

Your Committee consider it unnecessary to add anything further in commendation of the management of the gas works. The success which has attended them—the excellence and cheapness of the gas that is furnished, are the best proofs of the judicious, economical, and profitable manner in which this great trust has been administered. Nor can the works, which your Committee now recommend to be purchased, be confided to better or more experienced hands than those of the Trustees.

In accordance with these views, your Committee submit the accompanying Ordinance to the consideration of Councils.

PIERCE BUTLER, *Chairman*,
JOHN ALEXANDER,
SPENCER ROBERTS,
JOHN PORTER,
D. MCCLEARY,
WM. H. JACKSON.

Jan. 8, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To authorize a Loan for the purchase of the Gas Works of the Germantown Gas Company, the Richmond Gas Company, the Kensington Gas Company, the Northern Liberties Gas Company, the Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Company, and for the use of the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works.

The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, do ordain:

SEC. 1. That the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to purchase for and on account of the City of Philadelphia, for the use and benefit of the City, the Gas Works hereinafter named, including all the Real Estate, Offices, and Buildings belonging to each of said Gas Works, with all the apparatus used by and belonging to them, for the manufacture and storage of gas, all the gas mains, service-pipes, meters, materials and tools of every description belonging to the said Companies respectively, for the distribution of gas,

payable in six per cent. loans of the City of Philadelphia at par, at a price not exceeding the amounts named for the several Gas Works respectively: For the works of the Germantown Gas Company, eighty-five thousand dollars; the Richmond Gas Company, sixteen thousand five hundred dollars; the Kensington Gas Company, ninety thousand dollars; the Northern Liberties Gas Company, three hundred and sixty thousand dollars; the Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Company, one hundred and nine thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. That the Mayor of the City be, and he is, authorized to borrow on the credit of the Corporation, at a rate of interest not exceeding six per cent. per annum, such sums as the Trustees of the Gas Works shall require, not exceeding in the whole the sum of fifteen hundred thousand dollars, and all sums so borrowed by the authority hereof shall be, and are hereby appropriated to the Trustees of the Gas Works, who shall apply the same to the payment of the Gas Works authorized to be purchased under this Ordinance, and to the enlargement and extension of the Pipes and Fixtures of, and to the carrying on the Gas Works in their charge, and to the manufacture and distribution of gas.

SEC. 3. The certificates for said loan shall be of the following form and description, namely:

“Certificate No. —, six per cent. loan of the City of Philadelphia, for the use of the Trustees of the Gas Works, issued under authority of an Ordinance of the City of Philadelphia, approved ————, entitled, “An Ordinance to authorize a loan for the purchase of the Gas Works of the Germantown Gas Company, the Richmond Gas Company, the Kensington Gas Company, the Northern Liberties Gas Company, the Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Company, and for the use of the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works.” This certifies that there is due to ———, by the City of Philadelphia, ——— dollars, with interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum, payable half yearly, on the first days of January and July, at the Office of the City Treasurer, in the

City of Philadelphia; the principal to be paid at the said office on the first day of July, A. D. eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, and not before, without the consent of the owner thereof. In witness whereof, the Treasurer of the City has hereunto set his hand, and caused the seal of the City of Philadelphia to be affixed, the — day of —, A. D., 185—, and the Controller has attested the same on the said day and year."

The said certificate shall not contain any fractional parts of one hundred dollars, and shall be transferable at the office of the City Treasurer.

SEC. 4. The said Trustees shall on or before the thirty-first day of December, and the thirtieth day of June, in every year, until the said loan is paid, retain out of their receipts for the sale of gas and other products of the Gas Works, the sum of four per cent. on the amount of said loan, for which certificates may have been issued, of which they shall pay three per cent. to the City Treasurer, who shall apply the same to the payment of the interest on the said loan as the same may fall due, and to no other purpose whatever, and the remaining one per cent. the said Trustees shall place to the credit of, and invest in, a sinking fund, which fund and its accumulations are hereby specifically pledged to the re-payment of the said loan.

SEC. 5. The Gas Works purchased under the authority of this Ordinance, shall be under the exclusive control and management of said Trustees; and they shall have the same power in all respects to make contracts for materials, labour, and superintendence, to be used and employed in said works, and to collect all debts which may become due to the same, as they now have under the Ordinances of the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of Philadelphia, relating to the Gas Works built under their authority, and to enforce the same rules and regulations for the introduction and consumption of gas, as are now, or may be hereafter authorized by the said Ordinance, or any other Ordinances duly enacted.

SEC. 6. Immediately upon taking possession of said Gas Works the Trustees shall make a detailed report

to Councils of the property, real and personal, so purchased and taken possession of by them, signed by the Chairmen of the Committees on Gas of the Select and Common Councils, and by the President of the Board of Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works, and upon the requisition of the Trustees the Treasurer of the City of Philadelphia shall be required forthwith to issue Certificates of Loan of the City of Philadelphia, as herein before provided, to the respective Gas Companies for the amount of the purchase sum respectively due them.

SEC. 7. For the purpose of enabling the Trustees to enlarge and extend the pipes of, and for carrying on of the Gas Works in their charge, the City Treasurer shall issue Certificates of Loan, as herein before described, in such amounts and to such persons as the Trustees shall designate, without requiring the payment of any money therefor; but the Trustees shall not be authorized to make such requisition except such Certificates are required in payment of obligations incurred by them for the enlargement and extension of the pipes and fixtures of, and for the carrying on of the Gas Works in their charge: Provided, that the total amount of certificates which may be issued under the provisions of this Ordinance shall not exceed the sum provided for in the second section of this Ordinance.

SEC. 8. The Trustees shall be authorized to sell any portion of the Works or property, whether real or personal, which may be purchased under the provisions of this Ordinance, or which they acquired under the provisions of an Ordinance, entitled, "An Ordinance for the Regulation of the Department of Gas," approved March 20, 1855, (and which may not be needed by them for the purposes of the Gas Works,) and apply the proceeds of the sale of any property so disposed of, to the enlargement and extension of the pipes and fixtures of, and to the carrying on of the Gas Works in their charge, and the Mayor of the City is hereby directed to affix his signature and the seal of the City to the conveyance of any real estate which may be sold under the provisions of this Ordinance.

APPENDIX No. 110.

ANNUAL MESSAGE OF THE MAYOR.

To the Presidents and Members of the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—In compliance with the provisions of the 7th section of the Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approved February 2d, 1854, I ask leave to present to your respective chambers, the following general statement of the condition of the city in relation to its government, finances and improvements; together with the recommendation of such measures as may be expedient for its security, health, cleanliness, improvement and welfare.

The duties and responsibilities of the executive department are onerous and direct.

The people regard it as the one from which all corrections of evils and abuses are directly and immediately to be obtained. It is not always considered that the law-making power is a separate and independent authority. So soon as a cause of grievance or complaint, real or personal, exists, the Executive is applied to for a prompt remedy. Any failure to obtain the action demanded, is visited on the head of the department, while no effort is made, nor time taken, to inquire if the means of redress are by law afforded to or imposed upon it.

The legislative branch of the city government is required therefore to examine into those existing and arising grievances which belong to a municipality, and ordain such means of relief by law as they require. The correction of the evils which arise from violations of ordinances, is one of the important duties of city government. These evils are constantly occurring, and more vexatious than vicious. Infractions of these ordinances give rise often to breaches of the peace. It is this feature in their character which requires attention.

The supervision of the highways as to their use,

occupation, travel thereon and means of transporting burdens, and the conduct of vehicles of all descriptions, should be in the Police Department. It does not in any way belong to the department which is charged with paving, grading or repairing the streets themselves. Until a revision is made of the respective duties and responsibilities of this latter branch of executive government, no means are within the reach of the executive to give that satisfaction which the public require. An officer elected by the people, is held to more strict account than one who is selected by Councils to perform executive duties. The latter is shielded from censure by the body intermediate between the public and himself, while the former finds his want of facilities for giving satisfaction mistaken for an indisposition to do so, and with such a judgment on his official conduct, he has difficulty in being heard in his defence before a popular verdict is pronounced against him.

These remarks are applicable to the organization of the branches in their relation to the chief executive department of the city government. The time will come when an enlightened public opinion will require some change in the system on which the various departments are organized, or, it will relieve the mayor from criticism to which he is now obnoxious, and for which he ought not be held accountable.

FINANCES.

The Financial Condition of the city is not free from embarrassment. It is the confident expectation of those, however, who are devoting their time and well-informed minds to the subject, to place at an early day the fiscal affairs of Philadelphia on a safe and economical foundation. The expenditure incident to the organization of the new city government, and the necessary want of a thorough understanding of the subject in all its relations to the past and the future, was probably not well matured, and consequently too libe-

ral. The means to meet this expenditure were to be found only in taxation. This exercise of the power of taxation, always undertaken with reluctance, under a mistaken conception of its responsibilities, was followed by a fear of the effect of an accountability, direct to the people, and often recurring. The aim of the tax-levying authority is to reduce the per centum as low as possible, without keeping constantly in view the fund to be thus raised to meet expenditures.

This is not the spirit in which public affairs of this kind should be conducted. There is no difference in the principle which regulates private, and which should govern public financial concerns. Whatever is necessary should be authorized, and the amount of the cost should be promptly raised to meet the expenditure.

It will be found, on a careful examination of the facts, that most of the difficulties which have existed during the year 1856, have arisen from the causes referred to.

No administration of this city can hope for public approval which does not place itself on the broad foundation of direct responsibility to the people—a responsibility to an intelligent and unprejudiced criticism, not to the clamor of those who regard every thing wrong which their crude, cursory or crafty consideration does not enlighten them sufficiently to enable them to approve. The best and only sound financial system is that which limits appropriations within the bounds of a wise economy, and frankly admits that to pay the cost, requires a taxation on those who receive the benefit.

To equalize the taxes is as essential as to reduce them to the lowest sum necessary. In order to produce an equality in this respect, ought not all the property which is benefitted by the care of municipal government, to pay its proportion? The house and lot, which pays so much tax, is no more cared for by the city authorities, which it is taxed to support, than the personal property, of many times more value, within its walls, which has little or no tax to pay for its protection.

The light, the water, the highways, the cleansing, the police, are all needful for the advantages of the real estate; but do they not likewise afford additional value to the personal property enclosed within the real estate? Other cities regard this property as liable to taxation.

In the city of Boston, the real estate	
was assessed for 1855 at	\$136,351,300 00
The personal estate,	105,580,900 00
The amount of appropriation for that	
city, for the year 1856, was	2,508,700 00
In New York the real estate in the	
twenty-two wards, is valued, for	
1856, at	340,971,498 00
Personal estate,	172,967,781 44
Expenditures for city government, for	
1854 and 1855,	3,934,410 29
The total payments being	16,533,408 51

In the latter city, the expenses of the city government proper, or what may be called current expenses, are \$3,934,410 29, while the expenditures are \$16,533,408 51. The difference appears to be made up by account of "Sinking Fund," and "Trust Estates."

It will thus be seen that a large revenue is raised by taxation on personal property. The percentage of taxation is thus reduced, and to a greater or less degree the taxation equalized.

This result might be obtained in another mode, if it is deemed of sufficient importance to make the effort. A tax of three mills yearly is taken from all the counties of the State, and from this city, for State purposes, under its various tax laws. These are not adapted to the relations the several counties bear to the city. The object of the taxes imposed, is revenue. If Philadelphia was authorized to pay in advance yearly to the State, her proportion of the State taxes, and in consideration of the payment in advance, be allowed, through the City Councils, to have the exclusive taxing power within the city limits, the percentage of tax would be reduced, and the burden equalized, because the municipal representatives could best understand

the nature, kind, character and amount of property, real and personal, in the city, which should be made to yield its share of the general tax. It would then be within the power and intelligence of Councils to assess all such property and determine the rate, while the cost would be scarcely more than is now paid for assessing and collecting the city tax. The advantage to be attained by such a policy would be equalization and reduction of taxation. More than this, it would bring within the influence of the spirit of improvement, property idle by reason of the high rate of the assessed tax on real estate, and it would open a field for investment of money now seeking profit at the expense of the mechanical industry of the people. Increase in the basis would thus reduce the percentage to be raised for revenue, and the burden being lighter, and nearly equally borne, a practical progress would be made in the system of municipal taxation.

These suggestions are made in the hope that they may at least receive a passing notice, and if found, on full examination, to possess any real value, may be used for the benefit of our citizens.

As an appropriate addenda to the above remarks, the following statistics of Philadelphia for 1856 are exhibited:

Assessed real estate in Philadelphia,	
taxed for revenue for 1856,	\$150,079,319 00
Assessed personal estate, city and State,	20,663,684 00

The city paid into the State Treasury, for the year 1855, about one-third of all the taxes assessed for the State for that year.

The proportion of the whole revenue of Pennsylvania, paid by the city of Philadelphia, is about one-third.

The following items are selected as showing the proportion the city pays thereon, in comparison with the rest of the Commonwealth:

(See Auditor General's Report, 1855.)

	Rec'd from Philadelphia.	Rec'd from rest of Com'wealth.
For Auction Commissions,	\$19,900 00	\$1,373 75
“ “ Duties, -	51,114 00	811 79
“ Tax on Bank Dividends,	157,696 40	187,441 69
“ “ Real and Per- sonal Estate, -	585,108 31	1,136,006 48
“ Tavern Licences, -	41,658 31	40,601 55
“ Retailers' “ -	161,286 37	110,620 58
“ Brokers' “ -	6,000 00	2,098 49
“ Theatre and Circus, -	2,500 00	5,438 00
“ Eating Houses & Beer House Licenses, -	6,000 00	10,076 35
“ Tax on writs, wills, deeds, &c., -	14,709 97	44,743 26
“ Collateral inheritance Tax, - - -	40,956 19	77,014 07

These facts too plainly indicate that some change is necessary in the system of taxation.

It is most evident from all the information within the reach of even a general observer, that our system of assessments or valuations partake of the same defects, that mark that of taxation. The property real in Philadelphia is valued far below its market price. It is out of this assessed value the tax is raised, or rather on the basis of this valuation the tax is placed. Hence the per centum is not on the market, but scarcely on one-half the market price of the real estate. The result is, therefore, that for State purposes a less sum is raised, but for municipal objects, it produces a less figure, an inequality, and consequently a much reduced total. This is most unjust to those who pay city tax. It indicates but too clearly that a revision is necessary. I can but believe, viewing this subject in all its aspects, that if no other plan can be devised, the one submitted will at least be preferable to that now in operation. It is a difficult task so to assess as to pay as little as possible for State purposes, and raise by the same means all that is necessary for municipal demands.

THE PUBLIC HIGHWAYS.

Without any official communication from the Commissioners of Highways in regard to any proposed change in the organization of the Department, I can communicate only those suggestions which personal observation and experience will warrant.

The Department of "Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and Cleansing of the City," is charged now with incongruous duties. The care of the cart and footways, cleansing and sewerage, and drainage and viaducts, is in harmony with its specific designation. To these should be added the management of the wharves and landings. These subjects properly belong to the Highways. No other branches should be mingled with these so suitably classified. The numbering of houses, the licenses for vehicles, stands and the like, and the occupation of the streets, are directly within the scope of the Police branch, and should be placed under that authority. I respectfully suggest this arrangement of these duties. The system for cleansing the streets requires some legislation to make it efficient. To advertise for contracts and to award to the lowest bidder is neither economical nor wise. The anxiety to get the contract, and the competition therefor, causes proposals to be made, often below the actual cost of the work required by the spirit of the contract. The public always suffer when the contest is between it and the contractor as to which shall lose. If the contract system is preferred to any other, then the best bidder should be taken rather than the lowest. Much is required from contractors which does not appear in the letter of the written stipulations. Avoidance of all that is not set out in the stipulations, is a necessary consequence. The public complain, and often justly, while the fault lies neither in the Highway Department nor in the contractor, but in the system. It is obvious that a more rigid rule should be adopted to ascertain what amount of labor is given to the cleansing of the streets. The contractor has no overseer to his operations. Any default of his can only be ascertained by the affidavit of

two citizens presented to the Commissioners of Highways.

This is imposing on citizens a task which should be required of the officers of the department. The sewerage and drainage require strict attention. More should be given to both than they now receive. The public health so directly connected with the cleaning of the streets and alleys is of great importance. Every effort should be made to provide all necessary means to secure it. This subject is important, and now is the proper period of the year to make such arrangements as to sewerage as will render it fully adequate to the objects for which it was established. I suggest that the department be required to furnish a full statement of the defects and wants in this particular.

Cohocksink Creek should be examined, with a view, at an early day, of relieving that section of the city from the disadvantages of its present condition. The outlets of some of the culverts on the Delaware also require examination.

Indeed the whole subject is worthy of early attention, and I respectfully invite Councils to consider it. The breaking up of the cartways to insert water and gas pipes, leaves the streets open for a long time unpaved. The duty of repaving these openings should be placed exclusively in the Highway Department, and not, as now, left to the Gas Department to repave their openings, and the Highway Department the others. This subdivision of the duty divides the responsibility, and takes from the Highway Department its proper business. The entire control of the bridges should be taken from the Department of City Property and placed under the care of the Commissioners of Highways.

The footways in many parts of the city are in a bad condition. Notice is now required to be given to the owners of property to repair the pavements, and if at a specified time it is not done by them, the department is enabled to proceed with the work at the cost of the proprietor. This is a tedious mode of arriving at a necessary result. It would be better to fix by ordinance two periods in the year, on or before which all

owners should be required to repair footways, and if not attended to by them, under the provisions of such an ordinance, then the department should do it at the individual cost. The ordinance would be notice in itself, and no hardship could arise if the public law contained not only the notice now required, but the penalty. This feature in the law would remove all suspicion of partiality, as by the law, notices and penalties would operate on all alike.

The occupation of the most crowded thoroughfares by building materials is a source of much public inconvenience. Legislation in this particular is required. I respectfully call to your notice again the views submitted in a message to Councils, dated October 30, 1856, on this and kindred subjects. However great a disposition may exist to let things be as they are, when only connected with the small matters of the government of a city, growing in population, business, and almost daily presenting new features for its administrative or corrective authority, yet the time must come when public opinion will force the enactment of laws which, in their execution, have so intimate a connection with public accommodation and convenience. The Commissioners of Highways are desirous to do all in their power to give public satisfaction, but under the organization of their office it is very difficult. They have too much to do which does not belong to them, and that which should properly come under their control is entrusted to other hands. The task of re-arranging these duties under their appropriate heads is neither difficult in execution nor of doubtful propriety.

THE WATER DEPARTMENT.

The operations of the Water Department are giving entire satisfaction. For all the purposes of public requirement, during the extreme heat of the past summer, it was fully adequate to all demands made upon it. This was a severe test to its operations. During some weeks the filthy condition of the streets and gut-

ters required a very large use of the water from the fire plugs, and the Chief Engineer of the Water Works never failed to supply all that was needed.

The Fairmount Basin, above the dam, requires some notice. Impurities of all kinds must be kept out of that reservoir, from which the water is taken. In order to secure it against any impregnation, every care should be taken of its riparian uses. I suggest that the Highway Department be requested to make immediate change in the course of the culverts which empty into the Schuylkill. The public institutions in that section of the city use the culverts, and before any serious obstructions intervene, the course of these outlets should be so arranged as in no wise ever to threaten the purity of the water above the dam. It is beyond all doubt, that at an early day efforts must be made to secure a more copious supply of water for this city. Enlarging the limits of its populous sections, as it is now and has been doing for some years past, the demand for water has so increased, that the power of the present Works at Fairmount will be found inadequate for that purpose.

The auxiliary establishments, north and west, are not of great real utility. The basins at Fairmount will require elevation and enlargement, and it may be questioned if, even at no very distant day, these alterations will suffice. I respectfully suggest that proper inquiries be instituted, in order to ascertain if property on either side of the Schuylkill, at the dam, will not be necessary to the city for such essential improvements as have been referred to. While some of the land is now unimproved in that neighborhood, it might be secured at a moderate expense, compared with its cost when its value has been augmented by a dedication to the wants of an increasing population, or other cause, now unascertainable, and perchance unexpected.

The revenue from the Water Department is increasing greatly. It is worth considering, if the yearly rent for small houses might not be reduced. This would give to each tenement the use of water, and

materially benefit the condition of many families. It would in no way decrease the revenue, and might tend to individual health and comfort, and thus benefit the community. Every facility should be offered for the introduction of water into houses, and the less the cost, the greater the use.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The Public Schools have always received the liberal support of the public. Education is so essential to the success of free government, that popular institutions would be in great peril if this safeguard was impaired from any cause. The only superiority which is admitted in the United States is that of superior intelligence. This is the best and surest incentive to seek all the advantages that educational institutions afford.

Our school system is most liberally sustained. It is well supervised. The reports from the Controllers, from year to year, give all the information the subject possesses. I feel it unnecessary to attempt, therefore, any further comment in regard to it. I cannot let the opportunity pass without expressing my earnest desire for the most liberal support of the High School. If to its present plan of education could be added a mode of instruction fitting pupils to undertake mechanical employments, the greatest good would result. Young men who have finished their course in the higher branches, and are ready for life's contests, which then begin, seem to look with disfavor on industrial avocations for a livelihood. It should never be forgotten that labor is dignified when it is educated—when intelligence in all its branches is as important as in merely intellectual pursuits. When that time shall come in the history of our system of general education, then may we be justly proud of our Public Schools. It is a source of deep regret, that the Night Schools in many localities are closed. I ask for them liberal and continued support.

ALMS-HOUSE.

The establishment for the Relief and Employment of the Poor of the city of Philadelphia, is one of the institutions of a large city which addresses itself to the sympathy of the people, for its maintenance and preservation. Its uses are valuable, for relief, care, cure, and support, of those who have a just claim on public benevolence. To draw the proper line in the administration of its benefits is a difficult task. To aid and relieve the poor is a moral as well as a municipal duty, if it has not the command of a higher authority, and its consequent obligations. But the whole object of such an institution is not confined to eleemosynary aid; it should have incorporated with it a punitive feature, to embrace the incorrigibly idle and improvidently vicious. To support such is no charity. It only enervates all effort of honest labor for self-support. A House of Correction should be attached to the Alms-House. This is preferable to making it a part of the Prison Department. Bad as pauperism is, in its effect on individuals, it is not so pernicious as the effect produced by imprisonment, on the character of the class for whom this institution is intended.

The feature of out-door relief from the Guardians of the Poor, should not be abandoned without the fullest examination and reflection. From my experience, I am fully persuaded of its advantages. It is true, it is liable to abuse; but still abuses may be corrected without destroying the system. The fewer persons who are congregated together in a public establishment, the better. To increase the number of in-door inhabitants will be the necessary effect of withholding all other means of support. If disease in any malignant form finds its way into a large and closely-united population, danger is multiplied. Once the Alms-House as a place of refuge for those temporarily destitute, the chances are, that the desire for labor for support elsewhere is diminished.

The expenses of such a department of the city government are large. Efforts, it is to be hoped, will be

made by the present Board of Guardians to be as economical as the causes of outlay of funds will admit. The increase in the appropriation for the year 1857, is based on reasons which it would be unnecessary to comment upon at this time. If they are sound, they will sustain the excess asked for.

The medical clinic of the Institution, I think, might be altered. The present plan on which the medical organization rests, is far below the standard which it ought to occupy. It should be a school for medical instruction, and as such would render service to mankind and to science. The clinical instruction should be entirely confined to the medical staff proper of the Hospital, and be continued during the year. The chief of the medical branch should have the chair of Professor of Clinical Instruction, and his resident assistants should be required to devote a year in that department, after the period has elapsed during which they practice as physicians to the house. No others should be permitted to interfere with the operations of such an organization. The consequence would be, that an institution for practice and teaching medical knowledge would exist, unrivalled for its excellence. If the suggestions I have but outlined were fully considered and developed, a school would be created that has no example in this country. Thus the most valuable opportunities would be afforded to test and teach the truths of medical science.

Results so desirable are worth the efforts for their realization and success. If no higher objects would justify the trial, a source of annual revenue would be made for the establishment.

There is a portion of the land belonging to the Alms-House which might be sold without detriment to the interests of the institution. With the fund arising from the sale, two branches might be added, one for incurables and one for children. These two separate departments should be regulated with an eye to the improvements made for the care and treatment of both. The latter would be of vast advantage, if properly organized. Its want is daily felt. Private

charity is severely taxed for homes for these most worthy objects of proper care and training, and no better object can be suggested for the public oversight, than children, whose natural care-takers are unable, unwilling, or unworthy to take upon themselves so serious a responsibility.

GAS DEPARTMENT.

The affairs of the Gas Works are under the management of highly intelligent men. Entirely unacquainted with the principles and details of a subject which is scientific in its character, but few opportunities have been afforded or time allowed to become master of it. It is not to be expected, therefore, that I can communicate much information to Councils in regard to the management of the Gas Department. I can only give the result of observations made, and leave the value of them to be judged of by those who are better informed. The lighting, in my opinion, costs too much. The lamps are not sufficiently examined, or, if examined, are not properly kept in order. The burners do not appear to be of sufficient size for the wants of the public in some of the streets. In many places they give light at the rate of $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet an hour, in others less. The time of lighting and extinguishing is fixed by a printed schedule. This of course has no power of divining what the weather may be. Hence the lamps are sometimes not lighted when darkness prevails, though the schedules determine that the lunar light is sufficient for municipal accommodation. It has always been my opinion that the authority of lighting and extinguishing the public lamps should be under the entire control of the police.

As to the cost of lighting, I have only to remark, in some cities, it is less than in Philadelphia. In the years 1835, 1841 and 1844, the cost per thousand feet to the city was estimated, if not legislated, at from \$1.25 to \$1.75 and \$2 per thousand feet. At that time the vast improvements were not made which now exist in the science and manipulation of manufacture of this means of light.

The average cost in other cities is about \$1.50 per thousand. There may be, and no doubt are, reasons for the present rate of gas, but it is worthy of inquiry if the increased amount of light furnished per lamp will justify the charge of \$25 per annum for gas, and \$13.42 per annum for care and repair of each lamp, making a total per annum for every public lamp of \$38.42. The quality of the gas is tested by private, better than public consumers, and of that no remark is needed.

The City of New York pays to the New York Gas Light Company \$25 per lamp, burning 3,600 hours. To the Manhattan Gas Works, \$15 per lamp, burning 2,300 hours. In Boston the lamps burn 2,600 hours, five feet burners. The cost of each lamp, lighting, extinguishing and cleaning, is from \$28 to \$31 per light.

In Baltimore they burn 2,200 hours, six feet burners; the cost per lamp is \$22.50. The city lights, extinguishes, and keeps in repair, each lamp.

In Philadelphia, as far as I can discern, the rate is between 22 and 2300 hours, at a cost of \$38.42.

There must be the most cogent reasons for the excess in Philadelphia over the other cities, if some reduction cannot be made, and it is for Councils to determine if such reduction is not practicable and proper.

It is not my desire to be understood as casting the least censure on the management of the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works. I have no such wish, and the remarks already made can bear no such construction.

It appears to me that more lamps should be erected. More are wanted. The greatest drawback to an additional number is found in the cost per annum of each light. This can be reduced. Whatever may be the opinion of those who fully understand the question, as to the cost, I cannot be mistaken in the opinion that the lighting and extinguishing of the public light should be placed under the control of the only department held responsible for those acts, which require light to prevent, and detect.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The management of this department is placed in a Chief and Assistant Engineer, elected by the members of the several fire companies under the ordinance of Councils, approved January 30, 1855.

Such officers should be fully competent to discharge the duties required of them, coming, as they do, at a time of excitement and anxiety. To subdue fire and flames which threaten life and property, is a hazardous and dangerous employment. It is to be presumed the electors fully understand what they deem necessary in a chief who has the authority to direct the movements, and exertions and actions of the department in service, and to govern it when not so engaged. I leave to them the responsibility. Whatever duty attaches to the executive department in relation to that of the Fire Department, will be discharged as it is understood by the Executive. The ordinance organizing the Fire Department requires supervision. The correction of many abuses which exist, must be the subject of future legislation, as they present themselves for a remedy. False alarms of fire, occasioned by disorderly or designing persons in no way connected with fire companies, but by which they are called out, is a source of complaint. This is particularly so on the Sabbath day. On this day, devoted to rest and quiet, the public peace and order should be preserved. No such excuse as an alarm of fire, originating in an unauthorized manner, should be taken, for the running of apparatus through the public streets. The number of companies now in service is fully adequate to all emergencies. The Fire Alarm Telegraph obviates the necessity of a large fire force, for by its action, as much as is needed can always be had.

The members of most of the fire companies are fully sensible of the force of these remarks, and the enlightened and really useful members of the department agree, that a rigid system should be enforced to protect them from the disgrace which disorderly persons have heretofore unfortunately thrown on the department.

The Police arrangements at fires are directly under the control and order of the Marshal of Police, and any interference with that authority will result to the detriment and the efficiency of the Fire Department. The crowds of persons whose curiosity draws them to every fire, greatly impedes the operations of the firemen, and it should be avoided as much as possible.

The Fire Telegraph is most useful. The city has wisely established it, and should carefully guard it as a most valuable institution. Time and experience will test the present system of Fire Bell Alarms. I am of opinion that the fire alarm boxes, if placed in such houses where the fire apparatus is located, with some improvements in the signal system, will render bell-ringing no longer useful or necessary, except those at the State and Station Houses.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

The Solicitor for the city of Philadelphia, has placed the department under his charge in the most admirable order. Constantly calling upon it for advice as to the questions of law, it gives me the greatest satisfaction to say that a degree of attention and promptness in the discharge of the duties of the department marks every occasion of my official intercourse with it.

THE CITY CONTROLLER.

The City Controller's office is faithfully discharging its duties. Exactness and watchfulness will permit few opportunities for any frauds to be successfully practised in passing bills through the barrier thus erected against them.

THE RECEIVER OF TAXES.

The Receiver of Taxes has a plain duty to perform. This office should be kept open till 5 P. M. It would be an important inquiry to institute, if city warrants could not be taken in payment of taxes. This would

have a salutary influence, if it could be done, on the market rate of these drafts on the treasury.

The time for paying over to the Treasurer all the receipts of the Receiver, should be fixed at a time certain, that is between hours named twice a week. This rule would give the Receiver full opportunity to have his accounts ready and the Treasurer would be prepared to give his attention to the subject. Certainty, regularity, and promptness are most essential in the financial branches of the city government.

THE CITY TREASURY.

Much animadversion has been made as to the manner the affairs of the Treasury have been administered. When the public credit is in an entangled condition, a financial agent of the public is not free from criticism. As one branch of Councils have raised a committee to examine into the affairs of this department, propriety demands that no opinion should be formed on the subject till the report of that committee is considered and finally acted upon. For this reason I have avoided an examination into the affairs of the City Treasury.

GIRARD ESTATES.

The management of the important interests vested in the city by the Will of Stephen Girard, both educational and pecuniary, is placed in the hands of most competent persons. It is their duty, no doubt cheerfully and fully performed, to give to Councils an elaborate report on the trust confided to them.

There is in connection with this trust estate one suggestion that I feel it my duty to make, and to invite the attention of Councils thereto.

By the 24th section of the Will of Stephen Girard, it is provided, as follows:

“And as it regards the remainder of said residue of my personal estate, in trust, to invest the same in good securities, and in like manner to invest the interest and income thereof, from time to time, so that the

whole shall form a permanent fund; and to apply the income of the said fund,

“2d. To enable the corporation of the city of Philadelphia to provide more effectually than they now do for the security of the persons and property of the inhabitants of the said city, by a competent police, including a sufficient number of watchmen really suited to the purpose; and to this end, I recommend a division of the city into watch districts, or four parts, each under a proper head, and that, at least two watchmen shall, in each round or station, patrol together.”

The period of time which has elapsed since the city assumed the conduct of this estate, is sufficient to enable the trustees to determine how much of the “remainder of said residue” is applicable to this devise for police purposes.

I know very little, if anything, in regard to the Girard Estate, either as to its present condition or future prospects. But uninformed as I confess myself to be, it does not require a very profound knowledge of its affairs to know that property unproductive, and which could be made to yield a revenue, should be placed as early as practicable on a profit-giving basis. The species of property in the State of Pennsylvania, which comes, as I think, within the remainder of the residue, might be made to yield an annual sum, to be paid over to the City Treasury, to comply with this provision of the will. Mr. Girard’s aim in many of his bequests was to relieve tax payers from the claims of municipal taxation for fundamental public service. In the one above quoted he indicates his conception of its importance. Surely the city should, after a quarter of a century, have some revenue from an estate, which was so compact, as ere this to have discovered the residue of the remainder not theretofore, or during that period, made applicable to specific devises. If a careful examination was made of the property covered by the will of Mr. Girard, it would be found, that a sum might be raised, which the provision of its 24th section directs to be applied to police purposes.

It is but just to the people of Philadelphia, that at

least an effort be made to ascertain if any such property exists, out of which, by prudent efforts, a fund can be raised to relieve taxation for the police appropriations. The sum estimated for by this department for 1857, is at the lowest figure, and if any unforeseen cause arises for expenditure, not embraced in that estimate, the appropriation asked for will not meet it. When every means are employed to reduce expenditure, that property, if any exists, which is not yielding its fullest profit, ought to be made to give an advance.

I may remark that the proper arrangements have been made by the police department to bring itself within the scope of the provisions of the 24th section, as to the service it requires to be performed, for which the fund, if raised, is to be expended.

DOCKS, WHARVES AND LANDINGS.

The care of this part of the city property should be placed under the care of the Highway Department, as already suggested.

The 12th section of the Act of the 13th of May, 1856, gives valuable aid to the public authorities in the care of the docks.

These means of facilities for commerce are so important in themselves for that purpose, that in no other point of view could they be considered to add to this character. Yet they hold a direct connection with the public health. The accumulation of deposits of various kinds, the uses made of them as receptacles for refuse or filthy matter, the outlets of the culverts emptying into them, unite in requiring a strict supervision to be had thereof.

Most of these nuisances are committed in the night, and detection is almost impossible. A more stringent regulation is demanded to detect and punish all violations of law. There are no means within the reach of the executive department effectually to prevent them.

If the City Councils possessed the taxing power, a simple remedy could be found out. Till then it need not be more than referred to as at least an important subject for the consideration of Councils.

HEALTH.

The Board of Health is regulated by various Acts of the State Legislature, which invest it with powers, and prescribe the duties directly connected with the object of its creation. The Board, however, has only a limited scope for its action, except as to general sanitary expositions. Much of its labor is performed by other branches of the municipal government. The cleaning of streets, alleys, wharves, docks, sewerage and drainage, are not within the ordinary direction of the Board. Public nuisances of all kinds which tend to endanger the public health, are cognizable by this authority.

In time of pestilence or contagious disease, the Board has serious responsibilities, and consequently vastly multiplied labors.

Its functions are conservative and curative. Preventing "the pestilence that walketh in darkness," and if visited upon us, directing all human efforts to stay its progress. It is one of the good Samaritans of the municipality, for those stricken and wounded by disease, endemic or epidemic, if contagious or infectious. Its present organization is efficient, and it deserves well from public consideration, and is entitled to generous support.

MARKET DEPARTMENT.

The Commissioner of Markets has but recently entered upon the discharge of the duties of his office. Under another head I have made suggestions as to the wharves and landings, which are now placed under the care of this branch of public service. They do not in any way belong to the Markets, and should be placed under the care of the Highway Commissioners. Private stores or market establishments, called "provision stores," are becoming daily more numerous. It is thought they are a convenience. As they increase in number, and consequently in the extent of their business, it becomes a question if they should not be subject to the like examination to which sellers are

amenable in any other market. Light weights and unsound provisions might be as easily found, and are as necessary to be sought for, under one roof as another.

The market houses in the several streets of the city have been the subject of much public attention. Their removal from Market street will be agitated till the question is finally settled. If the railroads and markets are both to occupy the street, it is less a question of revenue than of public convenience.

A great thoroughfare for business, one which is the main artery in which it circulates, the present mode of transportation of the trade from the sea, over the mountains and lakes, to the West, should be free from obstruction as possible. Nothing that does not directly connect itself with trade and commerce should be allowed to interfere with either, in a highway thus devoted to both. If the market houses are to remain, some new system of transportation must be established. This might be accomplished by making a depot on the Schuylkill front, from Market street bridge south, on the west side of the river. From these depots the products for interchange from West to East might be loaded in barges, and by steam carried to the Delaware, for re-loading for transportation. The same with the products from East to West. For cheapness and dispatch, steam transportation is better than animal power. This mode of conveying goods would greatly relieve Market street from its present pressure, and be a public improvement of great advantage, if not revenue. The merchant would feel its value, and the trade and commerce of the city be increased, by affording facilities for prompt transportation of goods into the vast regions of the West. To secure this trade, we must compete with all rivals. This competition can be successful by other means than by municipal subscriptions. Municipal protection and encouragement can be made as important as municipal money. It should not be thought that city stock alone, in great internal improvements and enterprises, is all that is needed. Judicious legislation, adapted

to the wants and calculated to foster a commerce and trade, will do as much to give it the power of successful result, in a trial for predominance, as any means within the control of the municipal legislature.

Philadelphia requires this aid, and I invoke the attention of Councils to practical and well-considered action on this subject.

It may be proper to remark, in regard to the Market street railroad, that a law was approved 13th May, 1856, which bears very disadvantageously on this public work. If this law continues on the statute book, and is sustained by the legal tribunals, maintaining the road will no longer be of any value to the city treasury. Its revenue will be so reduced, that its expenses will amount almost to the sum received therefrom, not to refer to the interest payable on its cost. If this work become a charge against the City Treasury, the suggestion made as to a new plan for transporting merchandise will be worth considering.

In this connection, I earnestly hope legislation will be adopted, to prevent the cruelty to those animals used for drawing cars on the railroads within the city limits. It might be well to inquire, if these tracks are to remain on the public streets, whether some other means could not be devised as a motive power.

THE GUNPOWDER ACT.

At the last session of the Legislature an act was passed, entitled "An Act for the more effectual preservation of life and property from damages by the explosion of gunpowder and gun-cotton, in the city of Philadelphia," (approved March 20, 1856.) This law has been promptly executed, as far as this department is informed. Since its adoption, fifty-five licenses have been issued, and the amount received for the same paid into the city treasury.

It is a most salutary law, and the public in a large city are greatly protected by its provisions.

PAWNBROKERS.

The ordinance approved January 19, 1856, regulating pawnbrokers, though now in full force, is not equal to the object it seeks to attain. For the year 1856, twenty-six licenses were granted. In all cases in which licenses of this character are granted, the grantee should be required to have a sign with the number of the license exposed to public view at all times. Whenever such sign is not found at a place doing the business only authorized by law to be carried on, that fact should be *prima facie* evidence of a violation of the license law. Such a check on violations of laws and ordinances of the character referred to, would be of great assistance in detecting those amenable to punishment and penalties.

NUMBERING HOUSES.

The ordinance approved September 15, 1856, establishing a new mode of numbering houses, is not yet in operation. It was my opinion, at the time the ordinance was approved, that some further action would be required of Councils before it became obligatory, if it ever can be made so. It would obviate many objections to the new plan, if the entire control of the subject was placed in one department. The task will be very difficult, and until the public fully appreciates the improvement contemplated, it would be prudent to postpone the enforcement of the penalty.

THE STEAMBOAT INSPECTION LAW.

The act of the General Assembly, approved April, 1856, entitled "An Act to provide for the protection of life on steam ferry boats and other passenger vessels, arriving at and departing from the port of Philadelphia," has not been as yet enforced. There is a question how far it conflicts with the several acts of Congress on the same subject. Until this is decided, the State law will be liable to dispute. I gave notice

of the law and appointed an inspector, and the first opportunity will be taken to give effect to the State statute, and thus settle the point raised as to its constitutionality.

Regarding the State law as a police regulation to protect life, I have not permitted it to be treated with disrespect. It was passed on the 18th of April, and the season had too far advanced to take all the necessary measures to secure its full operation.

As the public interested in steamboat transportation are now fully apprised of its provisions and penalties, no impediments can be interposed to its execution in all cases where it certainly applies.

OFFICE OF SURVEYS.

The duties of this department are very plain, though, by reason of their peculiar nature, they require exactness and care. The official intercourse I have had with the Chief Surveyor and his assistants, has been such as to satisfy me that the business of the office is conducted with great propriety and promptness.

DEPARTMENT OF CITY PROPERTY.

The Commissioner of City Property has a simple duty to perform. The real estate of the city requires energy and foresight in its management.

To protect it from injury, keep it in order, watch over its preservation, are requirements of this department, which should claim the constant attention of the Commissioner. He seems fully alive to the task imposed, and has shown every willingness to faithfully discharge the trust placed on him:

I respectfully suggest the propriety of taking measures to ascertain, if the real estate purchased by the city, for the purpose of erecting market houses thereon, might not be sold.

How far it is advantageous to the city, longer to retain this property, is questionable. Few persons will

admit that, as an investment, it is profitable. If in private hands, it would at least yield the taxes now paid by the corporation. The amount to be produced by its sale could be more satisfactorily employed than in its present position. Whatever may be the result of the action of Councils on the question of removing the market-houses on Market street, it does not appear that the sale of this property can influence that decision in any other way than probably to expedite it. The real estate not absolutely necessary for public use, now held by the city, should be sold.

THE COUNTY PRISON.

So decided an improvement has been made in the management of the County Prison within the past six months, that the fact is only necessary to be stated to obviate further remark. It is now governed in the only way such institutions can be properly and efficiently conducted.

POLICE TELEGRAPH.

The value of this feature in the management of the Police Department cannot be too highly estimated. It performs a vast amount of business, promptly and satisfactorily. It not only brings the entire city, covering an area of 129½ square miles, or 82,700 acres, within direct connection with the Police Department, but it is of essential aid in testing the watchfulness and promptness of the police force. It gives security by affording rapid communication. It prevents disorder by directing efforts for its suppression.

Without it the most ceaseless exertions to accomplish its results would be almost vain. Electricity has thus become a municipal agent, and its service is now indispensable. I commend the police telegraph to the fostering care of the Councils.

OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE
AND FIRE ALARM TELEGRAPH,
Philadelphia, January 1st. 1857.

Hon. RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of the City of Philadelphia:

SIR:—As Superintendent of the Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph of this city, I herewith present a statement of the number of messages sent to and from this office; also, number of lost children, strayed and stolen animals, the number of fires for which the State House bell has rung, &c., from April 19th, 1856, to December 31st, 1856, inclusive.

Very respectfully,

W. J. PHILIPS,

Superintendent.

*Statement of Messages transmitted by the Police Telegraph,
FROM CENTRAL STATION, MAYOR'S OFFICE, TO DISTRICTS.*

YEAR—MONTH.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	TOTAL.
1856.—April,				2	2	7		4									
“ —May,	3	11	3	1	6	7					1	1	1	2	3	2	
“ —June,	11	32	16	7	7	10	10		2	8	8			4	4	2	
“ —July,	9	16	6	5	17	5	5	7	5	8	5	1					
“ —August,	19	22	5	1	14	4	4	9	5	4	7	6	6	2	4	2	
“ —September,	30	24	10	3	12	10	7	9	3	6	6	3	4	4	3	6	
“ —October,	31	12	7	4	18	13	8	14	6	9	9	8	1	4	2	4	
“ —November,	31	27	11	8	14	14	14	30	16	13	20	6	2	4	4	13	
“ —December,	41	28	21	24	31	46	54	50	33	25	23	13	15	5	31	31	
	175	172	79	53	121	116	102	123	70	73	79	38	29	25	51	60	1,443

TO CENTRAL STATION FROM DISTRICTS.

YEAR—MONTH.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	TOTAL.
1856.—April,	23	30	25	35	27	27	37	45	25	33	29	23					
“ —May,	41	60	30	48	51	32	56	66	42	39	36	24	24	23	23	28	
“ —June,	62	71	49	67	44	33	35	34	58	62	39	43	28	31	32	31	
“ —July,	64	75	40	46	66	39	45	70	55	73	42	39	30	25	22	23	
“ —August,	56	78	39	48	61	42	44	46	65	55	39	33	29	29	22	31	
“ —Sept'r,	55	67	36	53	54	30	45	70	39	59	49	42	28	36	28	40	
“ —October,	52	42	37	46	54	31	50	52	45	82	60	30	29	31	24	34	
“ —Nov'r,	51	53	36	29	36	22	26	55	49	51	60	34	34	31	25	49	
“ —Dec'r,	59	40	34	39	48	26	50	50	56	59	38	35	36	28	30	48	
	403	516	326	408	441	283	398	498	434	513	392	303	228	224	197	284	5,946
Total Messages transmitted,																	1,443
																	7,389

STRAYED AND STOLEN ANIMALS.

HORSES AND WAGONS.	HORSES.	COWS.	MULES.	SHEEP.	STEERS.	TOTAL.
178	159	44	39	171	21	612

FIRES AND FALSE ALARMS.

MONTHS.	FIRES.	FALSE ALARMS.
April.....	8	2
May.....	22	.....
June	14	2
July.....	27	1
August	13	.....
September	21	.....
October.....	16	.....
November	19	2
December.....	27	.....
Total.....	167	7

MISCELLANEOUS MESSAGES.

Messages, - - - - - 4,654

LOST CHILDREN

Found and taken care of, through the Police Telegraph, - - 2,123

CITY ICE BOAT.

The views expressed in relation to the City Ice Boat, in a communication to Councils, dated August 28, 1856, are unchanged. The appropriations made for the repair and improvement of this vessel, will, it is feared, not be sufficient to cover the expenses necessary to its equipment for service. The Councils by that appropriation have approved the principle that municipal encouragement is necessary to the wants of

the foreign commerce of our port. This, at least, is the interpretation given to the action of Councils on this subject. When the season threatened to impede the navigation, I took early steps to ascertain if the boat was ready for service. The correspondence will be found among the documents accompanying this message. Fortunately, the contractors for the repair of this Ice Boat were punctual, or nearly so, and now the people interested in an open navigation of our river will have no cause for fear of serious interruption, if it can be kept free by this means.

Without expressing any opinion as to the best mode of keeping the river navigation open in winter, it is to be hoped, that since this boat is considered in most excellent condition, it may be made to earn a revenue to liquidate a portion of its cost. The Trustees, no doubt, will understand the business with which they are charged, and if it was expected that this boat should contribute to its own cost and support, no objection ought to be raised to a schedule of charges to produce this result. Be that as it may, Councils will be justified now in an expenditure of money to preserve this boat for service wherever demanded. It need not necessarily be idle any portion of the year.

POLICE.

There is no branch of municipal organism more important to the public, than the Police Department. On its systematic and efficient operation every benefit to be derived from it entirely depends. To select from civil life a number of citizens, heretofore entirely unaccustomed to discipline, unacquainted with the duties at once imposed upon them, unfamiliar with the exigencies of a service which compels the simultaneous exercise of moral and physical qualities, is by no means an easy task. From such a body of citizens very much is expected. Every irregularity, every theory of every body to reform what each chooses to style existing abuses, every omission and commission

which half a million of population think or imagine exists in the community, each and all are to be remedied, it would seem, only and solely by animadversions on the police. Such are the embarrassments which surround the police establishment. Such are the difficulties under which it is required to discharge its duties. Without aid from any quarter, without the assistance even of such as are dependent on public order for their welfare, and who ought to sustain those whose public functions are only discharged for the benefit and protection of the law-abiding, and patriotic and peaceable citizen, the police are called to perform all the requirements of their position. Calm reflection can but produce the confession in every intelligent mind, that it at least is neither an enviable nor desirable task. Hence the vital importance to the public of yielding a support to this arm of government, when it is exercised with a moderation and firmness reasonably to be expected from its component parts. It has been my effort to elevate the standard of the department both morally and intellectually. Much has been accomplished to secure this object—much more is necessary to further success.

The Police Department is not yet organized, as it is my wish and hope to organize it; but these results cannot be attained in a few months. It requires time, and the aid and generous assistance of an unprejudiced public opinion. It requires more than this; it requires that petty jealousies should yield to the consideration of the general good. Whenever this department is thus supported, the time will come at which the police will bear a favorable comparison with any portion of the public service.

It is but simple justice, however, that I should announce the fact, that the present force of Philadelphia has advanced far beyond the point heretofore considered the one, at which all improvement in men, discipline, organization and effectiveness must necessarily stop. The labor performed is very great. The cheerfulness and devotion of the officers and men to the service is most satisfactory. The anxiety to give

public satisfaction is marked. These facts should be known, for the events of every day coming to my notice sufficiently attest them.

The cost of this department is vastly less than is generally supposed, when compared with other cities.

The area of Philadelphia is $129\frac{1}{8}$ square miles, or 82,700 acres. A very small portion of this territory is entirely exempt from the care of this department. Details of men are constantly required for localities paying scarcely any police tax proper. I respectfully suggest that the provisions of the 6th section of the Act of the General Assembly, approved the 13th of May, 1856, be faithfully carried out by the Assessors.

Within the city limits there are 348 miles, as nearly as can be ascertained, of paved streets. There is also over two hundred millions of dollars worth of real estate in its limits, at assessors' valuation. On this real property are built houses containing half a million of souls, and personal property to the value of millions of dollars.

This is not an exact account, but it approximates to the real existing condition of the municipality.

For the demands necessarily and immediately growing out of this social and political community, 650 men and 48 officers are allowed for the Police Department. This force is divided into 16 divisions, covering the municipal area. Out of the 650 men are to be deducted, from the 1st to the 13th Divisions inclusive, as turnkeys and telegraph operators for the station-houses, 32 men, and for the central office 11 men; making a total of 43. These are absolutely necessary, and cannot be dispensed with. Thus the total of patrol men is 607. From this patrol force is taken 48 men, organized into a "Reserve Corps," for special duty besides their patrol duty. This corps has very severe labor to perform. In many instances the men remain out from fourteen to sixteen hours, on the reserve, and then, without much rest, take their tours with their respective platoons for patrolling their respective beats.

The daily returns to this office show an average of 20 men sick, hurt and disabled, and for these causes

reported off duty. From the whole number reduced as above mentioned, there are more or less detailed for special duty at depots, places of amusement or public resort, and large assemblies for objects of various kinds which take place constantly. This leaves about 519 men for the tours in twenty-four hours. This force is divided into three reliefs, 1 day, and 2 night. Thus, 250 men only are on duty, making two reliefs of that number, for the entire city from dark to daylight. All extra labor is performed by drawing on these reliefs. With this force, as above enumerated, the police duties of Philadelphia are now performed.

It requires only to state these facts, that the public should know that the department is not idle, or the force unemployed. It is not to be expected that at each square a policeman can be found at every demand for his service.

The relief hours in the several districts are fixed, and the patrol is divided as the best interests of the district require. Notwithstanding this labor, and the time required to perform it, the department has at its immediate command, by signals adopted for the purpose, the power of bringing into service a body of men for the emergency. These signals are understood, and the equipment of the men for such requirements is always at hand. Whether for prevention or protection, or for kindly aid, the department is prepared. The Councils can thus easily perceive how much is to be done, how much expected, and the proportion of material this service has to answer all the calls made upon it. Its cost can be stated as follows:

Amount appropriated for 1856, -	\$398,408 27
Deficiencies, police salaries, &c., 1856,	12,406 15
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	\$410,814 42
Amount of appropriation asked for in	
1857, - - - - -	391,810 00
	<hr/>
Amount less required for 1857 than	
1856, - - - - -	\$19,004 42

In New York, the Police Department costs nearly one million of dollars annually, and the service is only greater from the larger number of men given to it. That force is about 1,100 men. Of that city it should be said, that its people regard the police with a metropolitan pride, and the institution and its members receive a liberal support either require for complete organization.

CENTRAL OFFICE.—The number and character of the offences brought to the notice of this office are large and various. The amount of stolen property received is valuable. This is within the duty of the detective branch. It requires care and exactitude in its preservation. To have it properly taken care of, marked, ready for the trial of the person charged with the crime relating to it, is onerous. A room is necessary for storage, and it must be properly secured.

From the 13th of May to the 31st of December, this office has taken cognizance of and returned to the District Attorney for trial 343 cases.

But few crimes of a high grade have been committed within the past six months which human foresight could prevent, or which the means at the disposal of the department could enable it to detect and arrest the perpetrators.

The Station Houses in several districts of this city should be fitted up for the purpose for which they are designed. At present they are city property, erected for public halls and public uses, but not originally as police stations. They are by no means suited for the occupation of the department. I most earnestly ask that Councils will examine this subject, and permit the Committees on Police to have authority to direct these alterations, absolutely needed. The Southwark, Moya-mensing and Kensington Halls are in a most deplorable condition. They are almost unfit for use. The Richmond Hall wants alterations to make it even secure. I would earnestly ask that authority be given to place, instead of the Station in the 5th Division, two on the extreme points of that District, and the 6th and 9th,

in order to cover the entire Schuylkill front. I can but earnestly ask the early attention of Councils to this subject.

OFFICE OF THE MARSHAL OF POLICE,
Philadelphia, December 31, 1856.

Hon. R. VAUX, Mayor:

SIR:—As Marshal of Police, I most respectfully submit the following Report of Arrests made during the year 1856, from the 1st of January to the 31st of December, inclusive, with the various offences with which they were charged, compiled from the reports of the several Lieutenants. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN K. MURPHY,

Marshal of Police.

Attest—SAMUEL B. WOOD, *Clerk.*

OFFENCES.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Ap'l	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL.
Arson,	2		4	1	2			1	1				11
“ suspicion of,								3	6			1	10
Assault,	1	4	2	2	4	3	6	28	8			4	62
“ and battery,	169	169	185	175	158	202	288	262	191	151	133	143	2197
“ on officers,								18	41	6	13		78
“ with intent to kill,						2	4	9	11	16	9	1	52
“ and battery on wife,						4	16	16	27	12	28	20	123
Absconding,								3		3			6
“ apprentice,		1	1	1	1	1		1	2	1	1		10
Adultery,					1		3	2	1	1			9
Attempt to defraud,						2			1				3
“ to com. suicide								5					5
Abuse,									11	2	2		15
“ to parents,						1	2						3
Abduction,								1					1
Bastardy,	5	1	2	2		1		1					12
Breach of peace,	622	789	814	684	664	714	996	1377	1140	1120	1015	1469	11399
“ of ordinance,	15	4	2	6	2	20	27	31	15	19	20	5	157
Burglary,	5	4	2	2			11	6	3	6		2	41
“ suspicion of,						1		2					3
Bench warrant,						1		3					4
Bigamy,			1					1	1			1	4
Conspiracy,			2	2		2					2		8
Corner lounging,						47	49	89	31	21	31	21	280
Carrying concealed weapons,							2	5	6	10	4	5	32
Disorderly houses,	12	6	8	3	15	7	9	12	5	4	12	4	97
Desertion,	6	5	6	2	3	2	11	4	16	1	6		62
Extortion,							1						1
Fornication,			1			4		2		2			10
“ and bas-													
tardy,	1	5	3					2	2	1		1	13
False pretence,	2	3	2	2	4		4	5	6	3		1	32
Forgery,	1	3		1			3	1	3		2	1	15
Fugitive from justice,			1	2				3	2		1		9
Fraud,	5											1	6
Forcible entry,			1	2	1	1	3		1	1			10
Felony,							1	4					5
Gambling,	1	1	4	1	5		1	9		1			23

REPORT OF ARRESTS—Continued.

OFFENCES.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Ap'l	May	Jun	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL.
Horse stealing,							1	1	1	1	2	1	7
House breaking,							4	9	5			1	19
Intoxication,	654	526	765	583	524	680	795	658	567	214	477	266	6799
Insane,	1	3	2	1	1	6	3	2	4	2			25
Infanticide,								1					1
Incest,								1					1
Interfering with dog catchers,						3	1	4					8
Interfering with officers						9	14	22	12	13	19	16	105
Insulting females,						2	2	6	2	2	8	7	29
Indecent exposure,						2		1	8	3	6	2	22
Keeping Assignment House,											2		2
Keeping tipling house,								1					1
Larceny,	110	98	118	78	83	117	117	155	84	78	97	138	1233
“ suspicion of,						10	2	11	14	4	4		45
“ constructive,								1					1
Libel,							1						1
Misdemeanor,	28	11	42	55	30	20	34	64	56	7	47	9	403
Malicious mischief.	8	8	6	6	9	24	6	9	17	10	11	4	118
Murder,					1							1	2
“ attempt to commit,						1							1
“ suspicion of,									2	9			11
Maintaining a nuisance,						2		2					4
Neglecting to support family,						1							1
Passing counterfeit money,	12	6	9	3	1	7	4	11	17	3	6	11	90
“ attempt to pass,						2					3		5
Passing counterfeit gold coin,								2					2
“ attempt to pass,								3					3
Peddling without license						1							1
Picking pockets,	3	7	8	8	5	7	11	2	9	4	4	9	77
“ attempt to pick,						2	7						9
Perjury,	1					1			2	2			6
Robbery,	2	1	1	3		3	2	2	3		1		15
“ attempt at,								3	3		3		9
“ highway,	1		4		2	5		2	5	2			21
Rape,		1	4	2		1	1	1	1		2		12
“ attempt to commit						4				1		1	6
Riot,	5	7	15	10	19	27	28	19	17	21	31	9	208
Receiving stolen goods,	1	2	5	2		6	2	6	3		2	2	31
Refusing to assist officers,						1	1						2
Rescuing prisoners,						1	1		3		2		7
Selling liquor without license,	3		1	1	2		1	4	3	2	2	6	25
Selling liquor to minors	2	2		1			3						8
“ lottery policies,	1			1	1		1				1		5
Slander,		1					3		1	1			6
Seduction,			1			1		3					5
Suspicion,					5	6	5	2	6		4	8	36
“ of homicide,										2			2
Sent to House of Refuge								4	5	4	1		14
Stabbing,						2	4	2	2		3	2	15
Street walking,						1		3	3		2		9
Sale of immoral books,						1							1
Swindling,							2						2
Trover,		1											1
“ and conversion,		1								1		1	4
Trespass,				1	3	4		1	6		2		17
Usury,	1												1
Vagrancy,	65	76	73	56	92	109	124	152	127	54	93	86	1107
Violating Sunday law.	2	1	1	2	2	2		1				2	13

1737 1760 2095 1701 1640 2085 2603 3079 2516 1792 2120 2257 25385

RECAPITULATION.

COUNTRIES.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL.
United States,	570	633	667	510	558	958	1414	1640	1241	805	1095	1061	11273
England,	88	73	71	44	39	67	91	106	77	54	53	106	869
Ireland,	930	916	1131	1059	943	957	967	1118	1013	716	827	908	11485
Germany,	127	123	174	74	90	92	112	174	157	116	124	164	1527
France,	10	8	10	3	4	3	3	4	5	5	4	5	64
Scotland,	10	7	6	7	2	4	9	16	13	4	9	10	97
Italy,	2									1			2
Wales,		2					3	5	1		2		23
Switzerland,			3					6					17
Russia,											1	1	4
Mexico,			1										2
Spain,					1					1			3
South America,						2							3
Canada,						1			2				5
Prussia,								3					1
Sweden,								1					1
Indians,								5					5
Jews,									2		1		3
Cuba,									1		1		2
	1737	1700	2095	1701	1940	2065	2908	3807	2516	1792	2120	2257	25385

This is not the time nor the place to speak of the cause of crime or the character of the offenders as exhibited by the above statement. I can but remark, however, that great public good would result, if some plan for punishing unimportant violations of law could be devised, other than the one at present appointed. Assaults and batteries and such like offences, constantly occurring, require some weeks to elapse between the arrest and the trial for the offence. This might be remedied, without any abridgement of either individual or constitutional rights.

It is a source of sincere regret, that so many young men are daily found violating the law. Education does not present those allurements which it possesses,

to many, who, if they could but be induced to yield to them, would thus be saved from ruin or disgrace.

The detective branch of this department consists of four officers. So inadequate to the duty was the number that the high constables are required to aid in this service. The law relieving the Mayor of the function of committing magistrate, made it absolutely necessary to require a justice of the peace to act as such at the central station, without cost to the public. On a full examination of the law, I am satisfied as to the propriety of this course. Without the presence at all hours of a magistrate, regulated and supervised efforts for the detection of offenders, the prevention of crime, and the preservation of the peace, would be vain. The routine of daily duty must be under the direction of one head of the department, else confusion would render futile the exertions to these ends of this office. It could never have been intended, by the Legislature, to require of the Mayor the faithful execution of the law, and then deny him the means to obey its behests. I do not so interpret the law, and consequently, as I understand it, so it is construed.

Important responsibilities rest on this department. Placed there by the votes of the people, he who at the head of the city government fears or fails to take all the responsibility so imposed, is unfit for the trust. It should be cheerfully relinquished, but never betrayed. The people will sustain an officer, who anxiously desires honestly and faithfully to do his duty. The best evidence of such official conduct, is to be found in the partizan, constant, and often prejudiced criticism to which he is subjected.

You will indulge me, gentlemen, in asking your attention to the accompanying documents received from the heads of the departments. The information contained in them is valuable.

Thus, gentlemen of the Select and Common Councils, I have addressed you in obedience to law.

In conclusion, I humbly and reverently invoke upon our city, its people, and its government, the blessings and protection of the God and Father of us all.

RICHARD VAUX.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF }
PHILADELPHIA, *January 8th*, 1857. }

DOCUMENTS.

REPORT OF THE CITY SOLICITOR.

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE, }
December 17th, 1856. }

To the HON. RICHARD VAUX,
Mayor of Philadelphia:

SIR: To enable you to comply more fully with that portion of the Act of Assembly of the 2d of February, which renders it the duty of the Mayor "to communicate to Councils at least once a year, and oftener if deemed expedient, a general statement of the condition of the city in relation to its government, finances and improvements," I deem it proper to submit the following report in regard to the department under my charge.

The office of City Solicitor was established by virtue of the 15th Section of the Act of Consolidation. Its duties and responsibilities are prescribed chiefly by the Ordinance of 22d August, 1854. By that ordinance the Solicitor is required to prepare all legal papers which may be rendered necessary by any ordinance of the city, to prosecute all actions in which the city is interested as plaintiff, to defend all actions wherein or whereby any of the estates, rights, privileges, trusts, ordinances, or acts of the corporation, or any branch thereof, may be brought in question before any court of the Commonwealth, to do every profes-

sional act incident to the office, which may be required of him by the Mayor or by the Councils, or by the committees thereof; to furnish to them, and to the several heads of departments, when required, his written opinion on any subject which may be submitted by them; and to perform all the duties formerly enjoined by law on the solicitors of the various districts, municipalities, corporations and bodies, of which the present city of Philadelphia is composed. This is a brief outline of his duties. Practically and necessarily, they are made to embrace a much more extensive range.

By the law as it now stands, the City Solicitor is allowed to appoint three assistants and one clerk; and with this assistance, the business to which I am about to advert, is transacted.

One of the duties of the Solicitor is to furnish written opinions on the numerous questions which are daily suggested for his consideration. In addition to those presented directly to Councils and to the Mayor, he is frequently required to give opinions to the Departments of Highways, of Water Works, of Gas Works, of City Property, to the Board of Health, to the Guardians of the Poor, to the Inspectors of the Prison, to the Controllers of the Public Schools, to the Surveyors and Regulators, to the Port Wardens, to the Trustees of the Girard College, to the City Commissioners, to the City Controller, to the Receiver of Taxes, to the City Treasurer, to the officers of the Girard Estates, to the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, to the Superintendent of the City Railroad, to the Commissioner of Markets, and to the Assessors of the several Wards. It has sometimes happened that a large number of these departments and public officers have required a written opinion on the same day. The questions submitted frequently relate to some recent Act of Assembly, on which no judicial decision has been pronounced, and refer to facts which have not been determined by the courts. As the inquiries are framed by those who profess no legal knowledge, they are occasionally inaccurate, and not always intelligible.

These circumstances do not contribute to lighten the labors of the office.

In addition to the several officers and heads of departments thus enumerated, the solicitor is required to advise with the *nineteen* committees of each Council, constituting *thirty-eight* in all, to attend their sessions at their request, and to give to each of the committees his written opinion on any question which may arise in the transaction of their official business. Practically, he is more frequently called on for legal information by the Committees of Finance, whose labors, owing to the past and present embarrassed condition of the treasury, have been extremely arduous. Their questions touch the most vital interests of the community, and require, in their investigation, anxious and patient thought. It gives me pleasure to say that they are invariably put with a degree of intelligence which abridges the research necessary in answering them.

A large number of the ordinances heretofore adopted have been drawn by this department, and although the draft thus made on our time is a large one, it is extremely desirable that no ordinance should be passed which has not been drawn or supervised by the law officers of the city. Any man, however intelligent, who has not studied the whole subject, may by one section, however well constructed, derange a system which has worked harmoniously for years. It frequently happens, also, that much time and labor are required to cure that which might have been at the first easily prevented. In the end, it will be found in all cases true economy to commence with the ordinances in proper legal form.

The filing of liens is an important duty of the office. The liens are based chiefly on claims for curbing and paving, the laying of pipe, and the removal of nuisances. Payment is frequently resisted by every legal art, and a proportionate degree of care is necessary in the construction of the papers. Our first effort is to secure an accurate description of the property, and then to file the lien within the time specified by the

Act of Assembly. This is followed by a *scire facias* and, if the defendant resorts to an affidavit of defence, by a trial before a jury, and subsequently by an execution and sheriff's sale. The number of liens filed since my entrance on the duties of the office, on the 13th of May last, has been *one hundred and eighty-eight*, and the proceedings to collect them have been as prompt as the cases permitted.

In this branch of the business of the office, there is one cause of perplexity which I deem it proper to mention. A lien is frequently filed against the mere tenant of real estate, for the reason that the name of the owner cannot be ascertained, and the Act of Assembly renders a lien thus filed entirely valid, provided the property be accurately described, and the filing take place in proper time. When this real estate is sold by the sheriff, he necessarily directs his searches in the public offices against those only in whom the title has been vested by deed. The lien of the city, therefore, nowhere appears on his searches, and, so far, there is nothing to prevent him from paying the proceeds of sale to other claimants. This obliges the law officers to procure all of the advertisements which the sheriff issues, and to compare them with the liens past and present filed by the city or by the former districts—a thankless and toilsome service, which my assistants have performed from month to month with commendable diligence, and from which I regret to say that I am unable to devise any mode of relieving them.

Proceedings to open or to vacate streets, the confirmation of plans and surveys, the alteration of grades, and claims made for damages incurred or to be incurred in the opening of streets, occupy a large portion of the time of those connected with this department. Since May last, the following business referable to these heads has been transacted :

Four plans of Survey have been submitted to and confirmed by the court, viz: Plans of the seventh division of West Philadelphia; the first section of the late borough of Frankford; the eighth division of

West Philadelphia; and the third section of Kensington. Four other plans have been submitted to the court for confirmation, viz: A plan of the third division of West Philadelphia; and an alteration of the grades on Wallace, Green and Letitia streets. A street between Franklin and Thompson streets has been vacated by a decree of court. Petitions have been filed in only two cases occurring under the 6th section of the Act of Assembly, approved April 21, 1855, providing for a recession in every new erection upon a street or alley of a less width than twenty feet, viz: in the case of Hudson's alley and Penn street. One street, viz: Erie street, in the Third Ward, has been ordered to be opened, and the report recommending the opening of Ann street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, has been set aside by the court. Twelve applications have been made for the opening of different streets, viz: Jarvis street, Dickinson street, Jefferson avenue, Catharine street, between Broad and Gray's Ferry road, Mantua street, from Lancaster street to Story street; Oak street, from Falls street to Lancaster street; Holly street, from Lancaster street to Myrtle street; Christian street, between Irish tract lane and Gray's Ferry road; a road between York turnpike and Lime-kiln road; Spruce street, in Twenty-fourth Ward; Thirty-third street, from Bridge street to Lancaster avenue; and Thirty-fourth street, from Bridge street to Lancaster avenue. Four reports of juries awarding damages have been confirmed by the court, viz: on Girard avenue, between Twenty-ninth street and Landing avenue; Tioga street, west of Broad; Franklin street, from Front street to Seventh street; and Broad street widened in the Twenty-first Ward. Two reports of juries awarding damages have been set aside, viz: on Levering street, in the Twenty-second Ward; and the road from Bustleton to the Bristol turnpike. The city has been represented before juries assessing the damages to be incurred by the opening of the following streets, and the reports on the same will come up in order for confirmation or rejection by the court, viz: William street, Baring street, Penn street,

Vienna street, Poplar street, Coulter street and Pleasant street.

The number of suits brought against the city to enforce the payment of warrants issued by the several departments has probably been greater during the present administration of this office, than at any previous time. Those instituted before the aldermen of the city have numbered as many as sixty in one day, and in some instances the same hours have been designated by the respective aldermen at places more than three miles distant from each other. In these cases the duties of the Solicitor and his assistants have generally been limited to examining the warrants, testing their genuineness, sending notice of the hearing to the City Treasurer and Controller, and to the head of the department by which the instrument was drawn, informing the Committees of Finance of the judgments subsequently rendered, superintending the entry of security in cases in which it was thought proper to enter security, filing the appeals, and putting the cases at issue for trial before a jury. In the vast number of cases requiring this attention, it is not improbable that some matters may have been overlooked. The only thing which can cause astonishment is the fact that with a force so greatly inadequate to the demands of the office, such an amount of labor has been performed.

Of the cases of desertion, apprentice cases, and criminal cases, commenced and prosecuted at the suggestion of the Guardians or the Poor, it is unnecessary to speak at length. They have proceeded in the usual mode and with the usual success. So also of the civil cases, legal and equitable, by and against the city, brought in the District Court and Court of Common Pleas. They have been contested in the ordinary manner, and I recollect nothing in their history worthy of extended comment. All the cases in which the city is interested are pending before tribunals of this Commonwealth, except that of *Christ Church* against *The City of Philadelphia*, which is assigned for argument before the Supreme Court of the United States at its present session. It involves the right of the city to

tax certain real estate belonging to the plaintiffs, alleged by them to be exempt from taxation, under the Act of Assembly of Pennsylvania passed on the 6th of April, 1853.

The amount of money which I have collected for the city since the 13th of May last, is \$14,989 47. On Thursday of each week a certificate, duly attested, is presented to the City Controller, setting forth the amount which has been received up to that time, and on the same day payment is made to the Treasurer. For the purpose of guarding against mistake, now or hereafter, I have deemed it proper to adopt the following system: When a payment is made to this department, the name of the case, its number and term, and the date and amount, are entered in the cash book, and on the same day the money is deposited in bank to the official account of the City Solicitor. One check, properly numbered, is drawn in each week, and receives the endorsement of the City Treasurer. With the lien docket, cash book, bank book, check book, and receipt book, the course of all money paid at this office can be traced with unerring certainty, for the information of any one who has made the payment, and of all who are interested in its application. I have deemed it proper to take public notice of this system, for the benefit of those who may succeed me in the office.

In conclusion, I am gratified to be able to state that, in the estimate of expenses for the year 1857, which I have submitted to the City Controller, and through him to Councils, the expenses of this department have been reduced more than five thousand dollars below the amount appropriated for the year 1856.

WM. A. PORTER,
City Solicitor.

WATER DEPARTMENT.

DEPARTMENT FOR SUPPLYING THE CITY WITH WATER, }
Philadelphia, Dec. 23, 1856. }

Hon. RICHARD VAUX,

Mayor of the City of Philadelphia :

DEAR SIR :—By request of the Chief Engineer of this Department, I send you the enclosed abstract for your annual message.

Very respectfully,

W. V. McKEAN,

Register.

Water Department.

This department of the public service is in a prosperous condition.

Its receipts for the year 1856 (to December 22d) were as follows:

Annual Water Rents from duplicates of	
1856, - - - - -	\$349,117 03
Penalties for non-payment in time, - - -	6,960 02
Fractional and delinquent Water Rents, - - -	25,257 41
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	\$381,334 46
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Iron Water Pipes, - - - - -	\$30,848 84
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The receipts for 1857 are estimated as follows:

Annual Water Rents from duplicates of	
1857, - - - - -	\$381,000 00
Fractional Water Rents, - - - - -	25,000 00
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	\$406,000 00
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Iron Water Pipes, (subject to amount of appropriation,) - - - - -	\$65,000 00
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The rapid growth of the city, and the consequent increased demand for water, are taxing the power of

some of the works supplying the city to the utmost. During the past year, excessive work from these causes has shown its effects upon the mill machinery at Fairmount, and some radical repairs are necessary to place it in an effective condition.

The Delaware Works, unless overworked, will soon be inadequate to supply the demands upon them. This fact, and the experience of the last year, which showed that the water in the vicinity of the pumps is subject to contamination, has led to an inquiry into the practicability and expediency of supplying the whole city from the Schuylkill, by means of modifications of the present Works on that river. The results of this inquiry will at the proper season be communicated to Councils by the Chief Engineer.

There is great necessity for an increase of the storage at the Works in the 24th Ward. At present the storage is not more than sufficient for a half hour's supply. An improvement in this particular will not only add to the efficiency and reliability of the Works, but will reduce the permanent expenses.

The Schuylkill Works are in excellent order.

Attention is again invited to the inadequate office room furnished to this department, and to the strong necessity of such an increase of its accommodations as will enable the officers to transact its large business with facility, and to the economy of the time of the citizens.

Philadelphia, October 13th, 1856.

HON. RICHARD VAUX:

DEAR SIR:—By your request I have examined the matter of drainage emptying in Fairmount dam. I find that Coates street, from 24th street, is drained part by a culvert and part by a gutter, which empties in the dam just at the forebay of the Fairmount Works. Girard College and the House of Refuge are drained of all their filth through a culvert which empties in Fairmount dam, about 300 feet above the Works. There are several breweries and slaughter-houses in that direction; and likely to be several more soon, on

account of the location being desirable for that purpose. This, I believe, can be remedied fully, by laying a culvert on Pennsylvania avenue to John street, and along John street to Schuylkill, at or near the Spring Garden Gas Works. This will drain all that section except a narrow strip, lying between the avenue and the Schuylkill river.

Yours respectfully,
SAMUEL OGDIN.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

Health Office, December 17th, 1856.

HON. RICHARD VAUX,
Mayor of the City of Philadelphia :

DEAR SIR:—The total amount of appropriations to the Board of Health for the year 1856, was \$44,733 82, in which was included an appropriation of \$2,088 82, to pay bills of 1855, and an appropriation of \$5,000, to pay Vaccine Physicians and Collectors of Vaccine cases. The total amount of warrants drawn to December 3d, 1856, was \$37,269 70; and it is estimated that warrants amounting to \$3,000 will be drawn prior to January 1st, 1857, leaving a balance undrawn of \$4,524 12. This balance is chiefly in the item for the pay of Vaccine Physicians and collectors, the latter of whom were only employed for one month. The amount paid by the Health Office to the City Treasurer, up to December 15th, 1856, was \$15,503 72; and it is estimated that about \$500 more will be paid prior to the first of January, 1857. The receipts of the Office are much reduced, owing to the fact that in all cases where property is liened for the expenses incurred in the removal of nuisances, the proceeds of said liens are paid to the City Solicitor, instead of to the Board of Health, as heretofore.

The estimated expenses of the Board for 1857 are \$52,592, which include about \$6,000, which it is esti-

mated will be due for the removal of nuisances in the present year, and the estimated receipts will be \$15,675.

Very respectfully and truly yours,

WILLIAM BONSALL,
President Board of Health.

DEPARTMENT OF POOR.

DEPARTMENT OF POOR,
Philadelphia, January 1, 1857.

To Hon. RICHARD VAUX,
Mayor of Philadelphia :

SIR:—Your communication, dated December 11th, requesting a general statement of the condition of this department has been received, and, in answer, I respectfully submit the following :

I may be permitted, however, to premise by saying, that against no department has so much been said and reiterated, of bad management, and heavy and unjustifiable expenditures ; indeed, it seems almost impossible to avoid these allegations, for in no single year, since the removal of the Institution to its present locality, has it escaped the censure, to a greater or less extent, of persons in and out of place. With this retrospect upon which to look, we can scarcely hope to discharge the varied and onerous duties incident to so large a trust, no matter how sensitive we may be as to the prompt and honorable performance of our obligations, without incurring a portion of the abuse, generally so lavishly bestowed upon the incumbents of, and which really seems to be inseparable from public position.

The estimate for Out-Door Relief, designed to alleviate the wants and sufferings of the "Out-Door Poor," has always been subject to disputation and objection. The wisdom and good policy of government relief by this means, has been discussed by men, alike eminent for their philanthropy and intellectual superiority ; and this discussion has not been of recent origin, nor has it been confined to so narrow a sphere

as our own locality, but for many years throughout Europe it has occupied the attention, not only of distinguished individuals, but also of governments. The conclusion, however, almost invariably arrived at thus far, by those having a practical and every-day acquaintance with the administration of that portion of the government relating to the poor, is, that the system, in proper hands, and subjected to proper discipline, is not only highly humane, and well calculated to preserve a moral tone among those who are surrounded by misfortunes, and whose necessities are great, but that it is at the same time truly economical.

Prior to the organization of the present Board (July 7th, 1856), the whole of the appropriation for out-door relief, for the year just ended, was expended; and the Board thereupon, with a desire to respectfully regard the limits defined by Councils, passed a resolution *suspending* out-door relief, which action has only had the effect of endorsing the view before referred to, in relation to the wisdom, good policy and economy of the system. The number of paupers has gradually increased since the suspension of relief, until the present, at which time the excess is 300 over the number of last year at this date. The average age of persons who have received relief, without the Institution, was about 60 years, and the average amount paid to such parties did not exceed 40 cents each, while the average cost to the city of sustained paupers in the Institution is about \$1 50 each; thus, it will be seen that the suspension of relief in this way has had the effect of increasing the number of inmates, and has, at the same time, very considerably increased our expenses.

The appropriations made for the year 1855 were as follows:—

Ordinance, approved Jan. 16, 1855, to	
meet deficiency of previous year,	- \$12,612 63
Amount of Warrants drawn on account	
thereof, - - - - -	- 12,615 13
Overdrawn, - - - - -	- 2 50

Ordinance approved Feb. 12, 1855, for			
expenses of 1855,	-	-	\$205,882 00
Ordinance approved Oct. 11, 1855, for			
expenses,	-	-	52,500 00
Ordinance approved Dec. 13, 1855, for			
expenses,	-	-	41,000 00
			<u>\$299,382 00</u>

Amount of Warrants drawn on account thereof, as per foregoing statements, -	299,182 67
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Balance not drawn for, -	199 33
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Ordinance, approved May 3, 1855, specially to pay orders of the Directors of the Poor of the Borough of Manayunk, and outstanding previous to the Borough being included in the Poor District under the care of the Guardians,	\$5,980 00
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Amount of Warrants of the Board on this account, -	4,559 78
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Balance remaining, -	<u>\$1,420 22</u>
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If we exclude from calculation the appropriation made by the Ordinance of January 16, 1855, (which was made to meet a deficiency of the previous year), the following synopsis will enable us to arrive at a proper conclusion as to the expenditures for the years 1855 and 1856, respectively:—

SYNOPSIS.

Aggregate of appropriation for 1855,	-	\$305,362 00
Warrants drawn against the same,	-	303,742 45

Balance, -	1,619 55
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Appropriation for 1856, -	\$205,383 50
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While, to meet deficiency for the year, there will be required [about] -	35,000 00
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It will be seen that the amount appropriated and expended, and the estimated amount yet required for 1856, will show a reduction in the expenditure of the latter over the preceding year of a very considerable sum:—

Expended in 1855,	-	-	-	\$303,742 45
“ 1856, and amount				
required,	-	-	\$205,383 50	
			35,000 00	
			<hr/>	240,383 50
Excess of expenditure in 1855 over 1856,				<hr/> <hr/> 63,358 95

The number of officers and persons employed, their salaries, wages, &c., presenting but little change since the presentation of a former report, a reference is respectfully made to that document, which will be found in the *Appendix* (No. 8) to the *Journal of the Select Council*, from May 7th to October 25th, 1855, from page 49 to 56 inclusive.

The undersigned feels much pleasure in inviting your attention to the report of the Physician-in-chief (annexed hereto, marked A), which will be found to embody much valuable matter, and which is well worthy of the attentive perusal of yourself and the members of Councils.

I would say, in conclusion, that for several years past, it has been in contemplation to establish a House of Correction in connection with this Institution; that by an Act of Assembly, approved 28th day of April, 1854, “providing for the establishment of a House of Correction,” a Board of Managers was duly formed, and other measures adopted to carry out the design intended to be accomplished thereby; beyond this, however, nothing has been done, save in the awarding of premiums to architects, and the publication of a report. The Board of Guardians, feeling a necessity for such an institution, appointed a committee to consider the subject, and inasmuch as the report of that

committee embodies so much of valuable information upon a subject of so much interest, a copy of the same will be found annexed hereto, marked B.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your ob't serv't,

OLIVER EVANS,

President Board of Guardians of the Poor.

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A.

PHILADELPHIA HOSPITAL AND ALMS-HOUSE, }
December 29th, 1856. }

SIR:—In compliance with instructions received from you, the chief executive officer of the city of Philadelphia, I have the honor to state, this institution, usually called the Alms-House, comprises within it a small-pox hospital; a lunatic asylum; a children's asylum; a lying-in department; a nursery; a hospital for medical, surgical, venereal and mania-a-potu cases; besides the Alms-House properly so called, which is in reality an infirmary for the blind, the lame, the superannuated, and other incurables so decrepid as not to be able to earn for themselves a livelihood. It is in fact a vast hospital. The number of able-bodied men and women, although to the eye of the casual observer apparently large, is really comparatively small, and consists chiefly of those vagrants who spend their lives in alternating between the low dens of vice throughout the city, the county prison and this establishment. These are the ones who disgrace themselves and humanity, and, by their presence, bring a stigma upon the afflicted and the unfortunate, who are compelled here to seek relief and support, which would not attach to them if this place was in name and in the opinion of the community what it is in reality, a hospital. These constitute the proper subjects for a House of Correction, which is so urgently required.

This building, although it covers an area of sixteen

acres of ground, is even now too small in many of the wards to furnish accommodations for the sick; and, from its construction, does not permit encroachments to be made from the men's side of the different departments upon the women's side. So that, while the men's side of the lunatic asylum and the women's side of the hospital still have nearly room enough, the women's side of the lunatic asylum requires now one-third more room for the present number; in the open wards many sleep on the floor, and each of the cells, eighty in number, which should be used by one alone, have to be occupied by two, and in some instances, by three at once; and the men's side of the hospital would require the whole of the wing now occupied by the children's asylum for its accommodation. On the third floor, "men's medical wards," the wards are all full, and there have been one hundred sick crowded into a long garret, about seven feet high by eighteen feet wide, with no ventilation, and no means of discharging the impure exhalations arising from the bodies and breaths, but the sliding windows, one pane of glass in height, the draft from which being over the heads of the beds, was as dangerous almost as their foetid emanations. There are only a few patients, at this moment, in these garrets, but the season approaches when they will be more fully occupied. On the second floor, white men with diseased eyes occupy one side; and black men with surgical and venereal diseases, boys and men indiscriminately mingled, occupy the other side of the same ward; at the same time, in the other wards the beds are too numerous. The effect of this over-crowding is, that all the cases are much longer in recovering than they would otherwise be, and in many instances men remain blind who under more advantageous circumstances would have recovered their sight. But the most disastrous results from crowding and want of ventilation occur on the first floor, in the "men's surgical wards." For years past there has not been a bed unoccupied, sometimes there is a patient sleeping on the floor, for every one on a bedstead,—once, even the hall was filled with bed-

steads. The result is, that an erysipelatous and gangrenous atmosphere pervades them in spite of my most strenuous efforts. I have everything taken out of each ward at a time. It is whitewashed, and the floors and windows are scrubbed, the bedsteads are scrubbed and varnished, and when dry replaced; every article of bed clothing is fresh from the wash-tub, and the bed-sacks are filled with fresh straw, but this infection lingers, though in a lighter degree. The consequence of this has been, that if a patient is brought in with his throat cut, although the wound is not mortal, he dies of gangrene. If an amputation be performed, the man who should recover, dies in a week of gangrene of the stump. If a minor operation be done, erysipelas attacks the wound, and it is much longer than it should be in healing. The unfortunate condition of things on this floor might be, to some considerable extent, remedied by transferring the adjoining ward from the children's asylum to the men's surgical wards. This room could be spared from the children's asylum, with some inconvenience it is true, but without serious detriment to the interests of that department. That transfer, however, would be but a temporary relief, and to a very limited extent. It might and possibly would aid in removing the hospital gangrene. But the hospital now requires the whole of the wing occupied by the children's asylum, and every year the aggregate number of patients increases.

Not only the wants of the Hospital, but humanity and philanthropy demand that an asylum for children should be elsewhere than within the walls of an Almshouse. It perhaps admits of a question, as to each one of the grown persons, whether the misfortunes which have brought them to this place have been altogether the result of the agency of other people; but as to the helpless orphans—for they are all orphans, or worse off—who are thrown upon the city for support, education and protection, they are innocent of any agency in their own unhappy lot. Not only our duty to God, but a wise economy demands that they should be brought up away from the pernicious influences which

must operate on them, and will reach them in spite of all precaution, within this building. They may be educated to become useful members of society, or they may be trained to prey upon the community which has neglected them. Why not, if possible, save the future from the opprobrium of ever having been the inmates of an alms-house? This object especially commends itself to the heart of every benevolent citizen.

The women's side of both the Lunatic Asylum and the Hospital are heated by steam, and are well ventilated. The air is admitted into chambers in the cellar, where it is heated by coils of pipe through which the steam passes, and is delivered into each ward near the ceiling; while the vitiated air is drawn from the rooms through openings near the floor, and is carried off by flues which conduct to a shaft rising many feet above the roof of the buildings. By this means the wards are at the same time warmed and thoroughly ventilated. A similar arrangement is required on the men's side of both buildings, for sanitary purposes as well as to avoid the danger of setting them on fire, particularly on the lunatic side, where the men congregate around the stoves, and annually destroy large quantities of clothing by scorching it, and from the filthy habits of many of them, often make the atmosphere redolent with bad odors. It is a matter of astonishment that the house has not long since been burnt down. A conflagration in a place where there are so many helpless lunatics or disabled sick, would be terrible beyond the power of language to describe.

None but those who occupy the house, or pass through it after nightfall, can appreciate the difficulties, annoyances and vexations which arise from the use of oil in small hand-lamps. The building is the embodiment of gloom. The patients, in their desire to increase the quantity of light, constantly, although every effort is made to prevent it, have the lamps smoking. The smoke irritates the lungs of consumptives and others afflicted with diseases of the air passages, and they are wearied out with coughing, until, exhausted, they fall asleep; it also soils the walls and

the clothing. The introduction of gas would aid the assistants in the administration of medicines and in performing their offices for the sick, and would prevent much rascality, pilfering and eloping. Gas is so much cheaper than oil, that within three years the cost of its introduction would be made up by its use, and ever after would be a saving to the city.

A laundry is very much needed: the expense of feeding and clothing the large number of washerwomen necessary to wash the clothes of from two to three thousand persons, together with the bedding of so large a Hospital, would more than pay for such an establishment. The washing would be done better, quicker and much more economically, because the clothing would last longer, and there would be less of it stolen and lost.

There is not a water-closet in the Hospital; the want of such an essential arrangement is productive of great annoyance, inconvenience and injury, particularly in wards having no ventilation, and adds greatly to the labors of the house. Convalescent patients are obliged to go from the highest and most distant wards, and cross a yard at all seasons, and through the snow or rain, to reach the offices. On the men's side there is but one bath tub, which is altogether insufficient for the uses of the sick. Bathing should be one-half the curative agency in the treatment of many diseases. On the women's side of the Lunatic Asylum there has been put up, and almost completed, a series of water-closets, baths and sinks, as good as, if not superior, to any other in the country. A similar arrangement should be constructed in several other parts of the house.

Notwithstanding these things required to render it complete, this institution is as clean, pure and orderly as such an establishment, comprising so many and such a variety of people, can be. No drawing room in the city is cleaner than some of the wards. Most of the nurses do their duty efficiently, promptly, kindly and almost perfectly. My assistants, eight in number, are

Dr. C. G. Hollenbush, of New Berlin, Pa.

Dr. Jos. E. Jones, of West Chester, Pa.

Dr. Junius Williams, of Bolivar, Tenn.

Dr. Xenophon Xaupi, of St. Louis, Mo.

Dr. C. Pendleton Tutt, of Leesburg, Va.

Dr. John K. Kane, of Philadelphia.

Dr. Thomas Marshall, of Fauquier, Va.

Dr. William Moss, of Philadelphia,

all of them highly educated and skilful physicians, gentlemen of moral worth and respectability, indefatigable in their attentions to the sick; all of them ardently devoted to their profession, and enthusiastic in the prosecution of their labors and studies. Nevertheless, they have not been, until recently, so efficient in the performance of their duties as they should have been. They have labored under a disadvantage, which has been their misfortune, not their fault. I say their misfortune, but it is much more a misfortune to the Institution. For years it has been customary to elect annually one-half the set of assistant physicians to serve for two years, so that there should always be four senior assistants and four junior assistants. In this immense Hospital, every day brings forth knowledge, and every year increases wisdom and experience. During the many years that this plan had endured, each set of doctors gained annually skill and experience, which, each in their turn, added to and transmitted to their successors, in that judicious and scientific application and manipulation, that knowledge of remedies and their peculiar adaptations, which becomes almost instinctive, which no books teach or can teach, and, like the cunning dexterity of the handicraftsman in his trade, is acquired only by constant and daily instruction in, and handling of his tools. Unfortunately, most unfortunately, the accumulated experience and skill, gathered with so much patient toil, through so many years, has been blindly thrown away by a fatal error on the part of the Board of Guardians of the last year. Influenced by causes, which would be superfluous for me to narrate, they allowed themselves to be led into the gross mistake of changing the long es-

tablished plan, by agreeing to elect eight new men annually. They permitted the whole set to leave on the same day; they deprived the Institution of the advantage of the services of four able, skilful, energetic physicians, the embodiment of the experience of the house for years, and trained to the performance of their duties. It is to be hoped that so great an injury may not, in after years, again be done to the most vital interests of the Institution.

The following number of cases have been treated by the physicians in the respective wards during the past year, viz:—

	Treated.	Remaining.
In the White Men's Medical Wards,	1,151	120
Black " "	61	9
White Men's Surgical " "	516	59
Black " and Ven. Wards,	65	6
White Men's Venereal " "	150	36
Men's Eye Wards, - -	174	45
Men's Drunkards' Wards, - -	321	8
Men's Out Wards, - -	426	
White Women's Medical Wards,	591	48
Black " Med. and Ven. " "	113	19
White " Surgical " "	177	34
Black " " " "	26	5
White " Venereal " "	141	25
Women's Drunkards' " "	146	
Women's Out Wards, - -	496	
White Nursery, - -	286	72
Black " - -	66	12
White Obstetrical, - -	238	57
Black " - -	29	5
White Children born, - -	212	(5 pairs twins,) 32
Black " - -	20	3
Clinic Wards, - -	45	16
Men's Lunatic Asylum, - -	307	161
Women's " - -	428	261
Children's Asylum, - -	446	131
Smallpox Hospital, - -	149	2
	<hr/> 6,767	<hr/> 1,164

From the foregoing table, you will observe nearly 7,000 patients have been treated. There have been only 620 deaths this year, a number much smaller than for many years past; last year there were 846, and the year before, 968. During the last quarter, the deaths have been as low as four in one week, several times but five, and two or three times only six have died. In the same period the births have gone up to eleven, ten, and nine, each in one week, so that it has happened for the first time in the history of the "Bettering House," as it used to be called, or Alms-house, the number of births have exceeded the number of deaths in the house in any one week. There have been 232 children born during the year. The mother and child remain in the obstetric ward for six weeks, when they are transferred to the nursery, where they are permitted to remain until the child is one year old. The child then is sent to the Children's Asylum, and the mother to the out wards, or they are discharged together from the house. This period is too long for the benefit of the child, and adds greatly to the expense of the house. Much benefit would arise from shortening the term to nine months.

On the 1st of January, 1856, the population was 2,170. 4,102 since then have been admitted, up to the present time, and with the 232 born, make 6,503 souls who have been, at different times, under the charge of the Board of Guardians within the Alms-house, besides the large number under their care out of doors.

It is desirable that the reports of the "physicians of the out-door poor" for the different districts, should be consolidated with the report of the Medical Department of the Alms-house, for the information of the citizens, whose almoners we are.

The number of Lunatic Patients during the year was 735, of whom 422 remain. The only opportunity this large number of the most unfortunate of the human race have for exercise or enjoyment in the open air, is in small paved court-yards, surrounded by high walls. It can scarcely be necessary to dwell upon

the fact, that more extended grounds are urgently required.

The Smallpox Hospital has recently become somewhat dilapidated. The accommodation it affords is not sufficient for the large number of patients with that disease that we are occasionally called upon to treat. It is only a wooden tent, single boarded on the the sides and roof, without plastering, and is white-washed, floor, sides and roof, outside and in. In reply to a request from a member of Councils, in August last, I furnished the following information. There were treated in this Institution, the following number of smallpox, and of typhus, typhoid and Baker street fevers, commonly included in the term "ship fever," in each year, from the 1st of July in one year until the 1st of July in the next, viz:

FROM JULY 1.	SMALLPOX.		SHIP FEVER.		TOTAL OF BOTH.	
	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.
1850 to 1851,	220	27	166	44	386	71
1851 to 1852,	316	64	223	52	539	116
1852 to 1853,	34	2	204	49	238	51
1853 to 1854,	23	2	226	37	249	39
1854 to 1855,	66	4*	114	27	180	31
1855 to 1856,	210	23	91	20	301	43
					1,873	351

* In July and August, 1854, we treated 300 cases of cholera, in the Smallpox House, with the assistance of a hospital tent. During that time, the Guardians of the Poor asked the Board of Health to receive their smallpox cases, and I believe some few were sent to the Bush Hill Hospital.

Our Smallpox Hospital is a quiet little place, that few visitors observe, and the neighbors scarcely know of, or care for its existence. At a very trifling cost it could be made large enough to accommodate twice as many.

The ship fever cases are treated in the wards of the Hospital, and such a thing as contagion is never thought of, nor has ever taken place. We could accommodate 100 cases at once, with no extra cost other than their personal expense.

This institution is the public charity of the citizens of Philadelphia. It differs entirely in its character from all others from which you will receive reports. This fact sanctions me in requesting you to pause for a moment, and reflect upon the immense aggregate of happiness and comfort here developed. Contrast the condition of those beings found in cellars and garrets, sick and dying, without even a friendly hand to give a cup of cold water, half clad in rags, squalid in filth, shivering, friendless, destitute—and of the same beings removed to this institution, placed in warm rooms and clean beds, surrounded by all the comforts necessary for the sick, their wants supplied by kind and attentive nurses, encouraged, revived and animated by the cheerful voice of the physician!

It requires no effort of the imagination to appreciate the benefits conferred upon the helpless suffering children of degraded and drunken parents, who are here not only protected from their bad example and personal abuse, but are warmed, fed, clothed and instructed, and placed in comfortable homes, where they may grow up to become useful and honorable members of that community of which they would otherwise have been the curse.

You can readily conceive of the intense relief afforded to those families where peace is a stranger and terror a constant guest, by removing from their midst the raving madman or the dangerous lunatic. What a contrast they present of anxious fear and reposing security! Many such insane persons are here annually restored to themselves, their friends and man-

kind; others become quiet, inoffensive and industrious workers about this house; the remainder have their wants supplied, their comforts attended to, and are protected and prevented from harming themselves or others. Nearly 7,000 souls, (an army of misery!) during the past year, have had their sufferings alleviated by the charity of this city.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

A. B. CAMPBELL,

Physician in Chief.

To the HON. RICHARD VAUX.

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B.

OUR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS—THE ALMS-HOUSE AND A HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the expediency of adding to the Alms-House "for the relief and employment of the poor," a House of Correction, respectfully present the following report:

The relief and support of the poor have at all times, since the first dawn of civilization, composed one of the elements which have entered into the composition of all civil government, and taxed the mental energies of all political economists.

A failure to provide for their wants and sympathies with them in their distresses, has caused fearful dissensions, and the terrific rallying of cry of the insurgents has been "Bread or Blood."

The Saviour of mankind, while on earth, uttered an axiom when he said, "The poor ye have always with you." In no community, perhaps, are the provisions for alleviating the distresses of the unfortunate so numerous and so varied as in that we represent; composed, in a great measure, of a sect, whose leading article of faith seems to be "good will towards man," and who founded an empire on these western shores "by deeds of peace." Hence we have our Houses of Refuge, our Orphans' Asylum, our Hospitals, our

Rosine Association, our Homes for Friendless Children, and numerous other institutions, where the lame, the blind, and the dumb, the poor and unfortunate of every class, may resort and receive the ministration of benevolent hearts "without money and without price." And yet in the city of "brotherly love," and with all the light of the nineteenth century blazing upon them, individuals are found who would let out the maintenance of the poor by contract to the lowest bidder, bringing down the support of the poor to the starvation point, that the contractor may amass a fortune, entirely overlooking the fact "that the really unfortunate poor have a right to protection and assistance from the public."

But while conceding the right of the poor, the public should also discuss the most economical mode of assistance, and the plan by which the greatest amount of good may be effected with the smallest expenditure. Promiseous and indiscriminate charity is only benevolent extravagance.

This view of the subject brings up for discussion the propriety of establishing a House of Correction and Employment, and if such an institution is required, the expediency of adding it to the Alms-House as now organized.

The subject was before the Legislature of the State in 1854, and a law was passed giving authority to certain commissioners to purchase a site, taking, if deemed advisable, fifty acres of the Alms-House grounds, to erect buildings, and establish a House of Correction: Provided, the expense should not exceed \$100,000. Immediately upon their appointment, the Commissioners proceeded to inspect suitable sites, visited other cities to obtain information upon the subject, procured plans and estimates, and published the result of their investigations in a report, reviewing the whole ground.

From this, we learn that the cost of site and buildings, such as they considered necessary, was \$300,000, or triple the appropriation granted. The probable

population of the House was 800—composed of four classes, viz :—

First—Vagrants.

Second—Able-bodied Paupers.

Third—Habitual drunkards.

Fourth—Disorderly persons.

The cost of maintaining these 800 inmates is estimated at \$60,000 per annum, exclusive of salaries to officers, which, as a superior class would be required, could not average less than the salaries in the County Prison, \$700 per annum. The probable earnings of the inmates are estimated to average over \$50 per head, or \$40,000 per annum, though the experience of other institutions would fix \$35,000 as a fair average.

With these facts before them, and finding themselves unable to rent a suitable building, the Commissioners suspended further action, with the intention of asking from the Legislature an increased appropriation, which has not since (so far as your committee have been informed) been granted by that body.

The ground having been abandoned by the Commissioners, it remains for the Board of Guardians of the Poor to inquire whether it can be occupied by them, in such manner as will benefit the poor under their charge, without imposing additional burdens upon the tax payers who are their constituents. The population of the House as projected, would be composed of 350 of the present inmates of the Alms-House, 150 from the Inspectors of the County Prison, and the balance from committals of the mayor or other magistrates. To additions to our population from all these sources, we are at present liable, and therefore such a change would involve no additional burdens. The Alms-House is already supplied with officers, and no change would be required in that report, beyond, perhaps, some small increase to enable us to procure capable and energetic men to superintend the manufacturing under their control 177 acres of land unoccupied by buildings, and there would therefore be no outlay for a site upon which to erect the edifice required.

The plan which they would propose is the following, which, it is estimated, could be carried out by an expenditure of \$50,000. This sum might be raised by a sale of such portion or portions of the Alms-House grounds, as are not required for the use of the house ; provided such land is not affected by the obligations of the loan formerly known as the "Alms-House Loan." In this way no increase of taxation would be required, as there are 3,000 feet of ground fronting on the Derby road, worth at least \$100,000.

Of course, under the act of Consolidation, the Board has not the control of its own finances, and the only action your committee can take must be of an advisory character. They believe, however, that if the facts are brought fairly to the knowledge of the City Councils, they would not hesitate to adopt a measure so fraught with true economy.

DEPARTMENT OF SURVEYS.

DEPARTMENT OF SURVEYS,
Philadelphia, Dec. 30, 1856.

To the Hon. RICHARD VAUX,
Mayor of Philadelphia:

SIR:—The season having arrived that calls for communications from the heads of departments to the chief executive of the city, relative to the condition and interests of their several offices, I take great pleasure in reporting that, during the past year, this department has continued to develop its usefulness, as the information sought by and afforded to our citizens fully attests, and each year will the amount, and consequently the value, of our records be augmented, not only by accumulation from returns of daily regulations and surveys extending the city plan now in progress, but by the compilation and arrangement of what can be collected from old and valuable documents transferred to this office at its organization. We have now, so far as lies within our power, made that disposition of the city archives in our charge, as will insure easy

reference without loss of valuable time, yet there is much information sought for at this department, not on record in any of the city offices, which should be upon our files, but cannot be obtained without the aid of Councils. To this point I will refer in this report for your consideration.

The meetings of the Board of Surveyors, during the past year, have been frequent, and the results of much value, not only in matters of direct interest to the city, but in the settlement of differences between individuals relating to partition lines, which otherwise might have become vexed questions for tedious and expensive litigation.

The great difficulty under which we labor is, that there is no uniformity in the acts of Assembly bearing upon matters of survey and regulations for the present limits of the city; the old laws enacted for the districts, as they existed previous to consolidation, have never been repealed, and, consequently, the duties required for one section of the city, without marked boundaries, sometimes covering parts of two survey districts, differ materially from those of other sections. This causes confusion. It is very desirable that one set of laws should cover the whole, as being more intelligible, besides simplifying business for all parties.

Again, there are cases where laws creating commissioners for the purpose of conducting the survey and regulations of particular districts of the city are in full force, and which either tend to delay the improvement of that district or deprive this department of supervision and direction in the very matters it should be most familiar with; these should be under its especial charge to insure perfect connections between sectional plans, and also that they be prepared with proper reference one to the other.

When surveys are conducted out of the control of the department, there is no certainty that either a properly graduated measure, or the accurate datum level is made use of; and after the plans are filed amongst our records, and are used by the district surveyors for the necessary subdivisions, serious discrepancies must be risked.

Another matter in which the interests of the city, we think, could be greatly advanced is, that there should be placed upon our record books a plot of the ground on which each and every house may be erected; this would prevent perplexing appeals, and secure the accurate division of properties, which, as now performed by the builders themselves, with imperfect measures, frequently places partition walls in positions very different from that recited in the deed. The ordinance under which we are now acting is not sufficiently definite in this particular, though the intention in framing it was evidently to cover the ground alluded to; its revision is very desirable, not only with reference to the question just spoken of, but that the schedule of rates payable to the surveyors and regulators, as well as their special duties for the emolument yearly allowed them by the city, shall be clearly defined. The ordinance now reads, "that they shall receive an annual salary of \$500, for keeping the public records, performing all services as a member of the Board of Surveyors and *all other official* services that may be required for the city," in addition "to such fees and charges as are provided for" in Section 11, which section particularizes the prices to be paid by individuals for regulation of lots, as well as a few items, for which the city is responsible, but does not cover the payment for surveys which are indispensable for the interests of the city, and which it would be unjust to expect to have performed as "*other official service*," when the actual outlay by the surveyor, for an ordinary sectional plan, often exceeds the amount voted as annual salary.

That these surveys, and the preparation of sectional plans should continue to be prosecuted is, we deem, imperative. Our suburban area is rapidly improving, and, in some instances, waiting only the extension of the city plan to be classed among the populous districts, and yield a *yearly revenue*, from increased taxation, far greater than the required amount to complete the preparatory surveys; these surveys, once completed, may well be considered capital invested,

from which a large percentage is at once derived, with a yearly increase. I would further observe, that though this department may appear to draw largely upon the treasury, yet the amount of appropriation asked for yearly, will (exclusive of salaries) decrease as the plotting of the city progresses, and, when completed, will preclude further calls for heavy damages, on account of injury to estates or suburban residences, which, without the planning, might, and in all probability would, be so arranged as to demand, with justice, heavy amounts from the city when its requirements would bring them within the street limits—the truthfulness of this may be seen by referring to the amount of damages paid for the opening of the late Township of Penn, in comparison with other sections where the planning was delayed. An early attention to the arrangement of the city plot over the rural districts will prevent the adoption of lanes and bye-roads as *fronts* of properties. These can now be disregarded and vacated at the proper time, without being embraced in the city plan, destroying either the direct line of streets or that rectangular form of blocks which is, in every particular, most acceptable and judicious. A still more cogent reason, if possible, is, that it is only from these plans that systems of drainage can be arranged, and without them the hasty construction of a sewer is often called for, the sizes for which it is impossible to determine with any regard to accuracy, and the city is either entailed with a heavy excess of expenditure, for the purpose of being on the safe side, or for the want of the proper proportions, is taxed with a heavy outlay to repair the evils committed, and, in either case, the amount could easily far exceed the cost of the plans necessary to contain proper data.

I, now, sir, beg leave to refer to some duties which devolve upon the Department of Highways, but properly belong to this, and are, no doubt, looked upon rather as an incubus, interfering with their already extended and arduous labors, viz: The charge and general direction for the construction of all culverts or drains built by individual enterprise. These should be

placed in this department. The form of ordinance has already, in a number of instances, received the approval of Councils, as well as the sanction of your honor, but, by adopting it as a general rule, it would facilitate operations and secure for our department records of great value. Another duty, which is a burden to the same department, is that of issuing permits for connections with culverts, and, as now arranged, can be but imperfect, as their office contains no record as to whether a culvert is in existence at the locality applied for, while this department is in possession of the only information relative to culverts that can throw light upon the value or injury that the connection asked for might be to the sewer; that these connections should be properly constructed, and their junctions with the sewers made in the most approved manner, is very necessary, as in the one case they may be beneficial, while in the other they would retard the flow and lessen the delivery of the sewer. Heretofore, there has been no note taken of these connections further than date of permit, but it is desirable that the location, level, material and gradient should be on record for reference, and, if placed in charge of this department, they would be constructed under the eye of the District Surveyor, in accordance with regulations made by the Board of Surveyors, and such returns thereof made for the files of this department as would be useful for reference by our citizens.

Another very great want is, that the location, sizes and gradients of all the sewers of our city are not known with accuracy. We have daily calls for information we should have relative to them, but we either do not possess it, or it is in such a meagre or unavailable shape as to be of comparative little value. All builders will, I feel assured, second me in asserting that such information would be of infinite value to them, and could be obtained without great expense to the city.

In conclusion, sir, I beg leave to state that much of this matter has been communicated to Councils in reports made by me during the past year, but as, in the multiplicity of their business and accumulation of

documents, they have been lost sight of, I take the liberty of thus calling your attention thereto, hoping, that should you think them worthy of consideration, a notice from you will meet with effective attention.

Respectfully submitted,

STRICKLAND KNEASS,

Chief Engineer and Surveyor.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT,
January 1st, 1857.

HON. RICHARD VAUX, Mayor :

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication, requesting information in regard to the condition of this department. It affords me pleasure to furnish you with the following general statement of its affairs. The department is at present composed of one Chief Commissioner of Highways, two Commissioners, two Clerks, twenty-five Supervisors, six Watchmen of Bridges, and one Messenger.

All the highways, bridges, sewers, &c., are under the charge and supervision of this department. A statement in detail of the receipts and expenditures will be found annexed, marked respectively A and B. It will be seen that during the year 1856, the expenditures in this department, exclusive of damages paid for opening streets, amounted to \$333,498 17; of which amount, \$186,931 66 was expended up to July 16th, at which time I entered upon the discharge of my duties as head of this department.

By referring to the statement, it will be seen that during the latter portion of the year, although the work upon the public highways was continued up to December 25th, the expenditures amounted to but \$118,542 37.

As the balance remaining to the credit of item 2, for repaving and repairing streets, was inadequate to

meet the expenditures which would have been necessary, had many of them been repaved, the attention of the department was directed to putting them in such a state of repair as the public exigencies required—and at the present time, with a few exceptions, they are in good travelling condition.

I regret to say that the practical operation of the system adopted for cleansing the highways does not give satisfaction to the public; nor does it receive the approbation of this department. The brief experience that has been afforded me leads to the conclusion, that a different one should be substituted for it.

The city is now divided into districts, and being cleansed by contract. The contracts having been in each case awarded to the lowest bidder. Competition for the work induced many to propose and engage it, who can only be made to comply with the terms of their contracts by incessant and continuous threats of prosecution, or of employing others to do the work at their cost. Others have bid for the work at very low prices, without any serious intention of engaging it, simply with a view of preventing responsible bidders from obtaining it at a reasonable rate of compensation. Probably under no system that can be devised will the streets be kept in such a condition as to prevent some persons from complaining, but under circumstances such as those referred to, it is certainly impossible to prevent them from being made.

It is made the duty of the Supervisors, by the ordinance organizing the department, to superintend and take charge of the men in the employment of the city in their respective districts; and their attention is especially directed to the repairs of the public highways. In the matter of cleansing the streets, they are unable under the present arrangements to render efficient assistance, as the men employed in doing the work are not subject to their control, and are not in any way recognized as employees by the department. The Supervisors therefore are compelled to listen to complaints which they have not the power to remedy, and the department is held responsible for grievances

which can never be thoroughly redressed but by a change of system.

Philadelphia has always been famed for the cleanliness of her streets ; and I am persuaded that even at the present time no city in the Union will compare with her in this respect. It shall be my endeavor to leave no remedy untried to maintain this character for our city.

But it must be borne in mind that the contract price for cleansing streets, for the year commencing October 1st, 1856, and ending with October, 1857, is but about sixty thousand dollars for the entire city, being thirty per cent. less than was paid for doing the same work for the two last years, notwithstanding a very large area of paved streets has been added, and is embraced in the present contracts.

The cost of cleansing the city of New York, I am credibly informed, is annually about five hundred per cent. more than the amount paid here, although the area of its paved streets is not near as great as that of this city.

I would also call your attention to the matter of sewers and sewerage, as at present organized. This department is charged with the construction, repair and supervision of all culverts, inlets and drains. I am fearful that, at no distant day, the city will be put to serious inconvenience and great expense, as the system, in all its details, is very imperfect and defective; and I would add, also, that the ordinance upon the subject of drains from private properties into our culverts is equally defective with the system itself—so much so as to render nugatory all the efforts of the department to compel a proper observance of them.

I would especially invite your attention to this matter, and would suggest for your consideration whether it would not be well to recommend a complete revision of the system, and all ordinances appertaining to it, with the view of inducing such changes as would relieve this department from its supervision over them, and place the responsibility in a new department, or in one where it more properly belongs.

The officers of this department are about to commence operations to carry into effect the ordinance approved September 16th, 1856, entitled "An Ordinance to effect uniformity in the numbering of houses." It is made the duty of this department to furnish owners or occupiers of houses with the number by which the respective properties may be hereafter known and designated. This done, our duty ceases; and it then devolves upon the Police Department to see that the provisions of the ordinance are complied with. That a correct and uniform numbering of houses is very desirable, and that it will be found ultimately advantageous, few doubt—every effort will, therefore, be made to proceed as rapidly as possible; and due notice will be given your department, in order that it may be prosecuted in such a manner as its importance demands.

I regret that it is not in my power to furnish you with the number of paved and unpaved streets, with their measurement, or the length of culverts and sewers in this city. This could only be arrived at by a careful examination and investigation; and, with the clerical force engaged in the office at the present time, would seriously embarrass us, were we to attempt even an approximate calculation. Indeed, it would be a work of labor to ascertain the number of feet of streets paved and repaved during the past year, as the only statistical information in the office is the bills for materials and work done upon them. A record of matter of this kind should be kept in this office, for present and future reference; and I would willingly lend assistance, if additional force could be procured to enable me to accomplish it.

Yours, respectfully,

JOHN M'CARTHY,

Chief Commissioner of Highways.

A.

*Financial Statement, Department of Highways, &c., for
the year ending 31st December, 1856.*

To Appropriation as per Ordinance ap-
proved 28th March, 1856, - - \$360,500 00

CR. *Expenditures.*

By Paving intersections,	\$16,945	14
Repairing and repaving streets, -	90,332	69
Grading streets and roads,	21,112	98
Repairing roads, -	37,800	69
Paving footways, -	4,836	04
Repairing culverts and inlets, - -	14,975	57
Repairing bridges, -	9,915	79
Cleansing paved streets, markets, &c., -	82,430	04
Cleansing and repairing unpaved streets, -	10,684	16
Repairing City Railroad,	6,022	10
Wells and pumps, -	2,323	20
Salaries, - -	26,644	79
Girard avenue, 24th ward,	4,555	90
“ “ 20th “	175	88
Printing, stationery, &c, -	1,290	92
Insurance on bridges, -	1,100	00
Index boards, - -	200	00
Office expenses, -	1,024	46
Incidentals, - -	1,127	82
Balance, - -	27,001	83

\$360,500 00	\$360,500 00
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B.

*Receipts of Department of Highways, &c., for the year
ending 31st December, 1856.*

From Licenses—			
Omnibuses, - - -	\$4,980	00	
Hacks and private carriages, - - -	972	50	
Carts, wagons, drays and bar- rows, - - -	2,397	50	
Hack drivers, - - -	12	00	
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Total from licenses, - - -			\$8,362 00
Permits—			
To occupy streets, - - -	678	50	
To construct vaults, - - -	1,150	75	
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Total permits, - - -			1,829 25
Sewers—			
Permits to enter, - - -	1,870	00	
Annual rents, - - -	2,139	80	
Fractional rents, - - -	192	67	
Repairing over openings to sewers, - - -	479	50	
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Total sewers, - - -			4,681 97
Railroad turnouts, - - -	50	00	
Paving streets and footways, - - -	2,933	36	
Miscellaneous, - - -	2,114	89	
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			5,098 25
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Total receipts from all sources,			<u>\$19,971 47</u>

DEPARTMENT OF CITY PROPERTY.

DEPARTMENT OF CITY PROPERTY,
Philadelphia, January 5, 1857.

Hon. RICHARD VAUX,
Mayor of the City of Philadelphia :

SIR:—In answer to your Circular, addressed to this department, asking for a general statement of its condition, I have the honor to report as follows :—

Within the last few months there has been added to the care and responsibility of this office the charge and proper keeping of the several Courts, City Law Building, (in which are the Grand and Petty Jury rooms), and the other county buildings, which had been heretofore in the charge of the Department of City Commissioners.

For the fiscal year just passed there was appropriated to this department	-	\$64,555	54
Of this amount there has been expended		56,020	47

Leaving a balance unexpended of		<u>\$8,535</u>	<u>07</u>
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Besides this appropriation for the year 1856, there was also appropriated, to pay bills which were incurred in 1855,		\$2,008	63
Of this amount there has been expended		2,506	87

Leaving a balance of	-	-	<u>\$501</u>	<u>76</u>
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The total of the appropriations made for the last fiscal year was	-	-	\$66,564	17
The total expenditure for the same period was	-	-	57,527	36

Leaving a balance unexpended of		<u>\$9,036</u>	<u>81</u>
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These appropriations have been expended mainly thus:

For salaries,	-	-	-	-	\$18,000 00
For expenses and improvement in the several squares,	-	-	-	-	10,000 00
(In this is included \$4,000 on the Hunting Park, and \$1,500 on the Norris Square.)					
For repairs on city property, curbing and paving, and repairs to the Wire Bridge,					9,000 00
In payment of a mortgage claim against the city,	-	.	-	-	8,073 16

Such are the principal items of expenditure of the above appropriations.

The revenue of this department for the year 1856, paid to the City Treasurer, amounted to - - - - \$33,221 67

And was derived from the following sources:

Rents of tenements and lots,	-	-	-	-	19,614 16
Ground rents,	-	-	-	-	7,602 37
Interest on mortgages,	-	-	-	-	1,551 50
Ground rents, (accruing from legacies to Guardians of the Poor,)	-	-	-	-	451 37
By the sale of that part of the City Property which has been authorized to be sold, the revenue of this department will be reduced some	-	-	-	-	9,000 00

The greater part of the real estate ordered to be sold was paying but little or no rent, in consequence of the unimproved condition of the principal part of it.

Having in a general way informed you of the condition in which I find this department, I will only add, that I have had some needed improvements made in several squares. A number of choice trees have been planted in Jefferson Square, (where many were dead,) and in the Washington and Penn Squares.

The laying out of the Hunting Park has been pressed forward as rapidly as the advanced season would permit. It has been surveyed according to the

plan adopted for its laying out. Considerable labor has been employed in digging walks, planting trees, carting manure, erecting a substantial and suitable gate at the entrance to the main avenue on the York road. I am led to hope, that even in the next spring, an agreeable change will be evident in this, one of the finest of our city's public squares. The Hunting Park can be made, in a very short time, certainly, one of the most desirable and beautiful public places of resort and recreation within the city limits.

The Norris Square has also been somewhat improved by my predecessor, George Hamilton, Esq. The appropriation of \$1,500 which was made for its improvement was expended by Mr. Hamilton in that way, but there yet remains much to do before it will be suitable for public use. The Lemon Hill, or Fairmount Park, remains in much the same condition in which it has been for years. If altered in appearance, it is certainly not for the better. It will require an ample appropriation to effect suitable improvements in that (naturally) most beautiful of all our public grounds.

Repairs are more or less frequently required to be made to the property under my charge, and in every instance in which money has been expended in this channel, I have been influenced solely with a view to utility and economy. Recently I have had water introduced into and throughout the West Philadelphia Hall, a large and valuable public building, the safety of which, it occurred to me, would otherwise have been jeopardized in case of fire.

Real Estate under the control of the Department of City Property.

Independence Hall, known as the State House, County Buildings, situated on Chestnut street, between Fifth and Sixth streets, in the Fifth Ward.

Northern Liberties Commissioners' Hall, situated on the east side of North Third street, below Green street, in the Eleventh Ward.

Spring Garden Commissioners' Hall, situated on the northwest corner of Spring Garden and Thirteenth streets, in the Fourteenth Ward.

Penn District Commissioners' Hall, situated on the northeast corner of Tenth and Thompson streets, in the Twentieth Ward, now occupied as a Police Station.

Kensington Commissioners' Hall, situated on the northeast corner of Front and Master streets, in the Seventeenth Ward.

Richmond Commissioners' Hall, situated at the corner of Clearfield and West streets, in the Nineteenth Ward.

West Philadelphia Commissioners' Hall, situated on the corner of Washington and Parke streets, in the Twenty-fourth Ward.

Southwark Commissioners' Hall, situated on the east side of South Second street, between Queen and Christian streets, in the Third Ward.

Moyamensing Commissioners' Hall, situated on the south side of Christian street, between Ninth and Tenth streets, in the Second Ward.

Germantown Hall, situated in the late borough of Germantown, now in the Twenty-second Ward.

Manayunk Town Hall, situated in the late borough of Manayunk, now in the Twenty-third Ward.

Mayor and Marshal's Offices, situated at the southwest corner of Fifth and Chestnut streets, now in the Fifth Ward.

The City Law Building, situated on Fifth street, below Walnut street.

The Wire Bridge, situated at the foot of Callowhill street, over the Schuylkill river.

City Carpenter Shop, and Lot upon which the same is erected, situated on the square of ground which extends from Twenty-second to Twenty-third street, on Chestnut street.

A Burial Ground, situated on Charles street, containing two acres. *To be sold.*

A Burial Ground, situated on Queen street, containing one acre.

The Tobacco Warehouse, situated on the northwest corner of Front and Spruce streets.

The Frankford Town Hall, situated in the late borough of Frankford, now in Twenty-third Ward.

Seven Stores, situated Nos. 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, and 12, Dock street. *Sold.*

Five Stores, situated Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, Front street.

A Dwelling House, situated at No. —, Beaver street.

Two Dwelling Houses, situated on Bickham street, between Sixteenth and Seveteenth streets. *Sold.*

A Dwelling House, situated on the southwest corner of Twenty-second and Cherry streets. *Sold.*

A Dwelling House, situated on Front, above Noble street, containing 19 feet front by 20 feet deep, two stories in height.

A Dwelling House and Lot, situated on Front, above Noble street, containing 89 feet on Front street and Washington avenue, and $149\frac{1}{2}$ feet on Noble street.

A Dwelling House, situated on Third, above Tamany street, adjoining the Hall Lot.

Two Dwelling Houses, situated on Carpenter street. (Both of these houses are on the same lot.)

A Stable, situated on the lot of ground corner of Washington avenue and Noble street. This lot contains 120 feet on Noble street, and 38 feet on Washington avenue.

A Lot, situated on the west side of Sutherland avenue, having a front of about 3 feet on Christian street, extending north until it strikes the south line of the Hall lot, about 114 feet.

A Lot, situated on West and Railroad streets, formerly in the District of Richmond.

A Lot, situated on Master street, containing 189 feet on Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets, and 395 feet on Master street. *Sold.*

A Lot, upon which there is erected a stone Smith Shop and two frame Dwelling Houses, situated in the Twenty-third Ward, formerly the borough of Frankford, now occupied for gas purposes.

A Store, situated in the Twenty-third Ward, formerly in Frankford.

A Stone School House, and Frame buildings, and two acres of ground, situated in the Twenty-third Ward, formerly in Bridesburg. *To be sold.*

Two Dwelling Houses, situated in the late borough of Frankford, now Twenty-third Ward.

A large Tract of Ground, with a stone building erected thereon, known as the Lemon Hill Estate, containing about 50 acres, more or less, situated in the Fifteenth Ward, formerly Penn Township.

A Lot of Ground, situated on the northwest corner of Race and Crown streets, containing 125 feet, more or less, on Race street, and 240 feet on Crown street. Upon this lot there is erected a dwelling on Race street, four dwellings in Hertzog's court, a dwelling, corner of Crown and Race streets, four dwellings and one church edifice on Crown street, above Race. This property was purchased as a site for a Market House.

A square of ground, situated on Spruce and Pine streets, between Twentieth and Twenty-first streets, containing 145 feet on Twentieth street, as also the same on Twenty-first street. Purchased as a site for a Market House.

A Lot, situated on Jones and Filbert streets, corner of Sixteenth street, containing 106 feet on Sixteenth street, and 182 feet on Jones and Filbert streets.

A Lot, situated on the north side of Chestnut street, between Beach and Twenty-third streets, containing 240 feet on Chestnut street, and 384 feet on Beach and Twenty-third streets. *To be sold.*

A Lot, situated on the north side of Chestnut street, extending from Aspen to Twenty-second street, 180 feet on Chestnut street by 163 feet 7 inches to Twenty-second street. *Sold.*

A Lot, situated on the north side of Chestnut street, extending from Twenty-second to Twenty-third street, containing 273 feet on Chestnut street by 384 feet, to the Bridge Company Lot. *To be sold.*

A Lot, situated on the west side of Twenty-first street, between Market and Chestnut streets, 130 feet on Twenty-first street, by 184 feet to Aspen street. *To be sold.*

- A Lot, situated on the north side of Market street, on which the gasometer now stands, extending from Twenty-second to Twenty-third streets, containing about 273 feet on High street by 306 feet on Twenty-second street.
- A Lot, situated on the west side of Twenty-first street, between Race and Vine streets, commencing 204 feet from the south side of Vine street, containing 112 feet on Twenty-first street by 396 feet to Twenty-second street. *To be sold.*
- A Lot, situated on the south side of Vine street, extending from Twenty-second to Twenty-first street, containing 396 feet on Vine street, by 102 feet deep. *To be sold.*
- A Ground Rent, situated on Lombard street, between Ninth and Tenth streets, payable by Dickinson and Fiss.
- A Ground Rent, situated on Lombard street, between Ninth and Tenth streets, payable by Dickinson and Fiss.
- A Ground Rent, situated on Lombard street, between Tenth and Eleventh streets, payable by John McKee.
- A Ground Rent, situated on Lombard street, between Tenth and Eleventh streets, payable by Charles Roth.
- A Ground Rent, situated on Lombard street, between Tenth and Eleventh streets, payable by Thomas Gigan.
- Two Ground Rents, situated on Lombard street, between Tenth and Eleventh streets, payable by Joseph Fareira.
- A Ground Rent, situated on Lombard street, between Tenth and Eleventh streets, payable by William M. Finney.
- A Ground Rent, situated on Lombard street, between Tenth and Eleventh streets, payable by James Downs.
- A Ground Rent, situated on Lombard street, between Tenth and Eleventh streets, payable by Albert Stewart.

- A Ground Rent, situated on Lombard street, between Tenth and Eleventh streets, payable by Daniel Applegate.
- A Ground Rent, situated on Tenth street, below Lombard street, payable by William Gray.
- A Ground Rent, situated in the Twenty-fourth Ward, payable by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.
- A Ground Rent, situated in Carter's alley, below Third street, payable by Oliver Evans.
- A Ground Rent, situated on the northeast corner of Front and Dock streets, payable by Hanse Hamilton.
- A Ground Rent, situated in Union street, payable by M. E. Lawrence, Jr.
- A Ground Rent, situated at the corner of Second and Spruce streets, payable by John Yard, Jr.
- A Ground Rent, situated on Oak street, north of Coates street, payable by Henry Stiles.
- Four Ground Rents, situated on the north side of Spring Garden street, above Thirteenth street, payable by Elisha Tracy.
- A Dwelling House, situated on the east side of Fifth street, above Race street.
- A Valuable Farm, containing over twenty acres of ground, with good improvements. The title was in the Overseers of the Poor of Roxborough. The farm is worth from \$10,000 to \$12,000, and is encumbered for about \$3,000. It was used as a Poor House at one time, but of late years has been rented as a farm. *To be sold.*
- A Two-story Brick Dwelling House, situated on Brook street, above Tamany street.
- A Lot in Frankford, on which is erected a Market House.
- Independence Square, situated in the square between Fifth and Sixth, and Walnut and Chestnut streets.
- Penn Square, laid off in four lots. The northwest lot is three hundred and six feet by two hundred and twenty-three feet.
- The northeast lot is three hundred and six feet by two hundred and twenty-eight feet.

The southeast lot is two hundred and thirty feet by two hundred and twenty-eight feet.

The southwest lot is two hundred and thirty feet by two hundred and twenty-three feet.

These squares are situated at the corner of Broad and Market streets.

Washington Square, situated between Sixth and Washington streets, and Walnut and Locust streets, containing 540 feet north and south, and 540 feet 4 inches east and west.

Franklin Square, situated between Race and Vine streets, and Sixth and Franklin streets, containing 632 feet north and south, and 543 feet six inches east and west.

Rittenhouse Square, situated between Walnut and Locust streets, and Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets, containing 540 feet north and south, and 540 feet, 4 inches east and west.

Logan Square, situated between Race and Vine streets, and Eighteenth and Logan streets, containing 632 feet north and south, 540 feet east and west.

Jefferson Square, situated at the corner of Fourth and Washington streets.

Richmond Square, situated in the late borough of Bridesburg.

Fair-Hill Square, situated at the corner of Lehigh avenue, and Fourth street, containing 500 feet by 210 feet.

Norris Square, situated at the corner of Susquehanna avenue and Hancock street, containing 330 feet by 486 feet.

A Public Square, situated at the corner of Frankford road, Maiden and Beach streets, containing 96 feet by 128 feet.

Germantown Square, situated in the late borough of Germantown, corner of Germantown avenue and Mill street, containing one-half acre.

A Bond and Mortgage, in the late district of Belmont, for \$1,400.

A Bond and Mortgage on Lot and House, situate in Haddington, payable by George R. Smith, for \$600.

Under the Control of the Department of Market Houses.

Market Houses—six sections—Situated on Callowhill street, between Fourth and Seventh streets.

Market Houses—seven sections—Situated on Spring Garden street, between Marshall and Twelfth streets.

Market Houses—two sections—Situated on Second street, between Coates and Poplar.

Market Houses—five sections—Situated on Girard avenue, between Sixth and Twelfth streets.

Market Houses—seven sections—Situated on High street, between Front and Eighth streets.

Market Houses—two sections—Situated on High street, between Fifteenth and Seventeenth streets.

Market Houses—two sections—Situated on Second street, between Pine and South streets.

Market House—one market house—Situated on Broad street, below Race.

Market House—one market house—Situated on Race street, below Broad street.

Market Houses—two sections—Situated on Lehigh avenue, between Richmond and Salmon streets.

Market House and Hall—one section—Situated on York street, east of the Frankford road.

Market Houses—two sections—Situated on Shippen street, between Third and Fifth streets.

Market Houses—seven sections—Situated on Franklin avenue, between Howard and Sixth streets.

Market Houses—two sections—Situated on Franklin avenue, between Crown street and Frankford road.

Market House—one section—Situated on Maiden street, between Beach and Manderson streets.

Market Houses—two sections—Situated on Jefferson avenue, between Prime and Marion streets.

Market Houses—two sections—Situated on Eleventh, between Shippen and Fitzwater streets.

Respectfully submitted.

EUGENE AHERN,
Commissioner of City Property.

THE CITY ICE BOAT.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF }
PHILADELPHIA, *Dec. 17th, 1856.* }

To the Trustees of the City Ice Boat :

GENTLEMEN:—The severity of the weather admonishes us that the winter season is fairly set in earlier than last year. I hope it will not prove as rigorous.

Thus forewarned, I beg to inquire if the Ice Boat, over which you have control, is ready for use?

The navigation must be kept open. I shall be glad to hear that the Ice Boat, having cost so much, will be ready to yield the advantages which the expenditure to secure has promised the commercial and industrial classes of this city.

Respectfully,
RICHARD VAUX.

—
Philadelphia, December 19th, 1856.

DEAR SIR:—In answer to your communication, addressed to the Trustees of the "City Ice Boat," I beg leave to say, that we are assured by the carpenter and machinist as late as yesterday, that they were in expectation the boat would be ready to go into service on the 1st of January, the day fixed upon in the contract made with them by the trustees; an earlier day than that they would not contract for, Councils having delayed action on the application in June, of the trustees for an appropriation, until September, throwing the work into the short days of the fall. For every day's detention after the 1st of January, the machinist makes a forfeit, which will be exacted, and to avoid which they work night and day.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN DEVEREUX,

President Board of Trustees.

Hon. RICHARD VAUX, *Mayor, &c.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY CONTROLLER.

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE,
Philadelphia, January 7th, 1857.

Hon. RICHARD VAUX,
 Mayor of Philadelphia :

DEAR SIR :—I have the honor herewith to enclose to you a statement of the appropriations and disbursements pertaining to the Office of the City Controller, for the year 1856.

Respectfully,
 Your obedient servant,
 S. TAYLOR,
City Controller.

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Statement—Department of City Controller.

1856.		
Mar. 11,	Appropriation, \$12,650 00	
Dec. 27,	Do. - 400 00	
		\$13,050 00
Warrants countersigned,		
viz : For City Controller's Salaries,	- \$2,762 91	
For Clerks and Messenger,	- 6,498 05	
For Stationery,	- 747 95	
For Publishing Annual Statement,		
1855,	- 2,000 00	
For unpaid bills of 1855,	- 350 00	
For cleaning office,	195 05	
For incidentals,	- 433 53	
	\$12,987 49	
Unexpended balance,	62 51	\$13,050 00

DEPARTMENT OF MARKET HOUSES.

Hon. RICHARD VAUX,
Mayor of the City of Philadelphia :

DEAR SIR :—I have the honor to transmit a Statement of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Department of Market Houses for the year 1856. During the year the Department of Wharves and Landings having been abolished by Councils, and its business merged in this department, an account of the Receipts and Expenditures of that branch of the city's interest will be found in this report.

Statement.

The Market Rents that have been received for the past year are \$70,445 24, and are as follows:—

Sect.	Markets.	Amount each section.	Total.
1	Wharton Market, -	\$384 00	
2	Wharton Market, -	97 25	
		<hr/>	\$481 25
3	Washington Market, -	2,690 40	
4	Washington Market, -	2,523 00	
		<hr/>	5,213 40
5	Eleventh Street Market,	1,430 00	
6	Eleventh Street Market,	1,434 00	
		<hr/>	2,864 00
7	Market Street Market, Front to Eighth,	3,755 34	
8	" "	4,822 00	
9	" "	2,510 00	
10	" "	2,784 50	
11	" "	3,047 50	
12	" "	3,695 00	
13	" "	2,670 00	
		<hr/>	23,284 34
14	" West of Broad,	1,668 00	
15	" "	2,040 00	
		<hr/>	3,708 00
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Amount carried forward, -			\$35,550 99

	Amount brought forward,	\$35,550 99	
16	South Second St. Market,	3,844 00	
17	“ “	4,386 75	
		<hr/>	8,230 75
18	Broad Street Market, -	84 00	
		<hr/>	84 00
19	Race Street Market, -	382 50	
		<hr/>	382 50
20	North Second St. Market,	3,402 00	
21	“ “	2,152 00	
		<hr/>	5,554 00
22	Callowhill Street Market,	304 75	
23	“ “	146 00	
24	“ “	734 00	
25	“ “	696 00	
26	“ “	661 00	
27	“ “	666 00	
28	“ “	607 50	
		<hr/>	3,815 25
29	Spring Garden “	667 00	
30	“ “	876 00	
31	“ “	991 50	
32	“ “	944 00	
33	“ “	1,768 00	
34	“ “	1,676 00	
35	“ “	1,401 00	
		<hr/>	8,325 50
36	Girard Avenue Market,	1,155 50	
37	“ “	427 50	
38	“ “	660 00	
39	“ “	166 00	
40	“ “	534 00	
		<hr/>	2,943 00
41	Franklin Avenue Market,	253 00	
42	“ “	684 50	
43	“ “	159 25	
44	“ “	699 00	
45	“ “	816 00	
46	“ “	908 00	
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	Amounts carried forward,	\$3,519 75	\$65,793 99

	Amounts brought forward,	\$3,519 75	\$65,793 99
47	" "	1,014 00	
			4,533 75
48	Beach, above Maiden,	- 58 50	
			58 50
49	Richmond Market,	- 168 00	
50	" "	12 50	
51	" "		
			180 50
52	Franklin Avenue, Shacka-		
	maxon,	- 59 00	
			59 00
53	Franklin Avenue, Shacka-		
	maxon to Frankford road,	7 50	
			7 50
	Atherly & Co., Fish Market,		720 00
			<u>\$70,445 24.</u>

There has been paid to the City Treasurer, of this amount (\$70,445 24), \$69,107 22, leaving an unpaid balance due the city, of \$1,338 02.

There is also a deficit in the late Commissioner of Markets' accounts, as per audit in 1855, of \$88 34.

The following Appropriations have been made :

To Pay	Salary of Commissioner,	-	\$ 900 00
"	Salaries of Clerks of Markets,	-	4,350 00
"	Repairs of Market Houses,	-	5,053 25
"	Office Expenses, Printing, &c.,	-	500 00
"	State Tax and Ground Rents,	-	1,619 70
"	State Tax and Ground Rent on		
	Market Houses Broad and Race		
	streets,	- - -	214 00
"	Arrears of Ground Rent on Mar-		
	ket Houses,	- - -	750 00
"	W. J. O. Farrell,	- - -	337 50
"	Clerks of Girard Avenue Market,	-	29 16
"	Clerks of Markets,	- -	74 99
			<u>\$13,828 60</u>

Out of which has been paid :—

Salary of Commissioner, - - -	\$ 900 00
Salaries of Clerks of Market Houses, -	4,350 00
Repairs of Market Houses, - - -	4,889 31
Office Expenses, Printing, &c., - - -	465 83
State Tax and Ground Rent, - - -	1,619 70
Arrears of Ground Rent on Market Houses, Broad and Race streets, - - -	214 00
Arrears of Ground Rent on Market Houses, -	750 00
W. J. O. Farrell, - - - -	337 50
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	\$13,526 34
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Leaving a balance of \$302 26.

There is yet remaining in the office unpaid bills, amounting to \$695 78, which I found there at the time I entered upon the discharging of the duties of the office, and to which I have called the attention of Councils.

STATEMENT

*Of Rents Received from Wharves and Landings, from
January 1, 1856, to January 1, 1857.*

LOCATION.	TO WHOM LEASED.	AMOUNT.
Chestnut Street Wharf,	John M'Makin,	\$2,100 00
Noble Street Landing,	Robarts, Walton & Co.,	3,700 00
Callowhill Street Wharf,	Joseph Cabot,	3,550 00
Davis' Landing,	George P. Mercer,	100 00
Almond Street Wharf,	Henwood & Rikards,	1,025 00
Shackamaxon St. Lan'g	Vaughn & Fisher,	200 00
Green Street Landing,	Alfred H. Mann,	2,625 00
Market & Walnut St. L'g,	Phila. & Camden Ferry Co.,	2,300 00
Maiden Street Landing,	John K. Hammet,	150 00
Pine St. Land'g, Schy'l,	Robert A. Govett,	123 25
Arch Street Landing,	Bines & Sheaf,	37 50

Amount carried forward, \$15,910 75

Amount brought forward,		\$15,910 75
Arch St. Landing, south,	Reeves, Buck & Co.,	1,200 00
Catharine Street,	John Esray, Jr.,	286 25
Spruce Street,	Jacob B. Lancaster,	500 00
Washington St. Wharf,	Esra B. Ely,	456 25
Arch Street Landing,	Ramond & Moore,	2,800 00
George St. Land'g, Sch.,	Samuel T. Prince,	125 00
Wood St. Landing, "	Hubbard & Taw,	150 00
Marlborough St. Land'g,	Wm. B. Lerbert,	50 00
Palmer Street "	Reanny & Neafie,	625 00
Christian Street "	John Hetzell,	1,468 00
Walnut St. Lan'g, Sch.,	Henry Bickley,	193 75
Bridesburg Creek Lan'g,	Henry M. Rife,	
Market Street Landing,	W. Jer. Ferry Co.,	2,600 00
Coates Street Wharf,	Young, Maxwell & Co.,	4,150 00
Dock Street Landing,	P., B. & W. R. Co.,	3,857 50
William Street "	P. & Read. R. Co.,	100 00
Reed Street "	Kaighn's P't F. Co.,	200 00
Prime Street "	Cooley & Somers,	600 00
Queen Street "	C. & J. Fallon,	100 00
South Street "	South Cam. F. Co.,	700 00
Pine Street "	E. P. Burton,	600 00
Race Street "	Bishop & Simons,	2,000 00
Vine Street "	Cam. & At. R. Co.,	1,435 50
" "	C. Pt. & P. F. Co.,	1,064 50
Poplar Street "	J. W. Cooper,	500 00
Coates Street " Sch.,	Bender & Wright,	187 50
Hanover Street "	Mathew Vandusen,	425 00
Warren Street "	J. H. Birely,	205 00
Bishop Street "	Thomas Davidson,	130 00
Cedar Street " Sch.,	Guardians of Poor,	50 00
Chestnut Street " Sch.,	Philada. Gas Co.,	5,725 00
Race Street Wharf,	Cornell & Hendry,	120 00
Bridesburg Landing,	Daniel L. Miller, Jr.,	103 50
Locust Street "	James Donaghy,	
" " Sch.,	Harbert, Davis & Co.,	25 00
Allegheny Av. Wharf,	John Daily,	30 00
Spruce St. Land'g, Sch.,	William S. Torr,	50 00

Amount carried forward, \$48,723 50

Amount brought forward,	\$48,723 50
Callowhill St. La'g Sch., Schul. Navigation Co.,	75 00
Dickinson St. " " James W. Early,	37 50
Cumberland St. Land'g, John G. Clothier,	18 75
Green Street " Thomas Shoemaker,	5 00
" " Norcross & Sheets,	2,075 00
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	\$50,934 75

The following appropriations have been made:—

For Cleansing Docks, - - -	\$4,600 00
Salary, - - -	800 00
Repairing Wharves and Landings, -	3,500 00
Repaving Wharves, - - -	850 00
Labor, Wharves and Landings, -	100 00
Advertising and Stationery, -	150 00
Taxes for 1855, - - -	303 00
Taxes for 1856, - - -	303 00
Surveys, - - -	3,500 00
Ground Rents, - - -	297 17
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	\$14,403 17

Out of which has been paid:—

For Cleansing Docks, - - -	\$2,108 00
Salary, - - -	600 00
Repairing Wharves and Landings, -	4,167 17
Repaving " " -	518 53
Labor, - - -	51 81
Printing, Advertising, &c., - - -	92 31
Ground Rents, - - -	279 19
Surveys, - - -	2,500 00
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	\$10,317 01

Leaving a balance of \$4,086 16.

Very respectfully, yours, &c.,

S. C. THOMPSON,

Commissioner of Market Houses.

Philadelphia, Jan. 5, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 111.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF WILLS HOSPITAL.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

The Board of Managers of the Wills Hospital for the Indigent Blind and Lame submit their Twenty-second Annual Report.

There has been expended, during the past year, the sum of \$5,698 38, which has been applied as follows:

House Expenses,	-	-	-	\$3,773	81
Salaries and Wages,	-	-	-	1,349	89
Medical Department,	-	-	-	431	96
Real Estate,	-	-	-	142	72
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					\$5,698 38

The number of patients admitted during the year, including 27 who were in the house at the close of 1855, was - - - - - 248

The number discharged during the same period was 211

Leaving now in the house, - - - - - 37

Of those discharged were Cured, - - - 152

“ “ Relieved, - - - 52

“ “ Incurable, - - - 3

“ “ Not treated, - - - 1

“ “ Died, - - - 2

“ “ Eloped, - - - 1

211

Of the number admitted, there were born in—

Ireland, - - - 110

United States, - - - 88

England, - - - 9

Germany, - - - 7

Wales, - - - 3

Scotland, - - - 2

Spain, - - - 1

France, - - - 1

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In addition to the patients residing in the house, there have been 1,242 out-door patients.

The Steward has received, from pay patients and other sources, \$1,010 00, which has been paid to the City Treasurer. This is the largest amount ever received in any one year.

There have been 205 surgical operations during the year, of which there were 106 upon patients residing in the house, and 159 upon out-door patients.

Of these, there were for Cataract,	-	41
“ “ Strabismus,	-	21

The house has been carefully managed, and the attention of the physicians and surgeons of the Hospital has been rendered with ability and faithfulness.

Signed on behalf of and by order of the Board,

JNO. RODMAN PAUL, *President*.

EDWARD HOPPER, *Secretary*.

Philadelphia, Jan. 5, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an Appropriation to the Board of Managers of Wills Hospital, for the use of said Hospital for the year 1857.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of seven thousand and forty-seven dollars and thirty cents, out of the income of the funds devised and bequeathed and vested in this corporation for the Wills Hospital, be and the same is hereby appropriated to the Board of Managers of the said Hospital, for the support and management of the same during the year 1857, the said appropriation to be apportioned as follows, namely:—

1. For house expenses, four thousand three hundred and ninety-six dollars and seventy cents.

2. For salaries and wages, one thousand five hundred and seventy-two dollars and forty cents.

3. For the medical department, five hundred and twenty-seven dollars and eighty cents.

4. For repairs to real estate and taxes, five hundred and fifty dollars and forty cents.

SECTION 2. Warrants for the payment of the same shall be drawn by the Superintendent of Trusts.

APPENDIX No. 112.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance report the annexed Ordinances, to make appropriations to certain Departments for the year 1857, viz: "The Department for Supplying the City with Water," "Department of City Commissioners," "Trust and Fire Department," and "Department of Receiver of Taxes," the passage of which your Committee respectfully ask.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman,*
ABRAHAM BAKER,
THOS. CRAVEN,
JOSHUA T. OWEN,
HENRY J. BOLLER.

Jan. 15, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an Appropriation to the Department for Supplying the City with Water, for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, and to pay Debts contracted in previous years.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of One Hundred and Fifty-five Thousand Five Hundred and Ten Dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to the Department for Supplying the City with Water for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, for the following purposes, viz

Item 1. For the Salary of the Chief Engineer, twenty-five hundred dollars, - - -	\$2,500 00
2. For the Salary of the Register, eighteen hundred dollars, -	1,800 00
3. For the Salary of the Chief Clerk, one thousand dollars, -	1,000 00
4. For the Salaries of three Permit Clerks, two thousand five hundred and fifty dollars, -	2,550 00
5. For the Salaries of four Inspectors, twenty-four hundred dollars, -	2,400 00
6. For the Salaries of four Purveyors and one Messenger, three thousand one hundred dollars, -	3,100 00
7. For Extra Clerk hire, five hundred and twenty-five dollars, -	525 00
8. For Salary of Chief Engineer, including House Rent at Fairmount Works, eight hundred dollars, - - -	800 00
9. For Salaries of two Assistant Engineers, at the same Works, fourteen hundred dollars, -	1,400 00
10. For Salary of one Watchman, at the same Works, five hundred dollars, - - -	500 00
11. For Salaries of two Engineers at Delaware Works, including house rent, sixteen hundred dollars, - - -	1,600 00
12. For Salaries of five Firemen at same Works, two thousand three hundred and ten dollars, -	2,310 00
13. For Salaries of two Watchmen at same Works, one thousand dollars, - - -	1,000 00
14. For Salaries of two Engineers, at Schuylkill Works, fourteen hundred dollars, - - -	1,400 00
15. For Salaries of two Assistant En-	

	gineers, at same Works, nine hundred dollars, - -	\$ 900 00
Item 16.	For Salaries of ten Firemen, at same Works, four thousand five hundred dollars, - - -	4,500 00
17.	For Salary of Watchmen at same Works, five hundred dollars, -	500 00
18.	For Salaries of two Engineers, including house rent, at Twenty-fourth Ward Works, sixteen hundred dollars, - -	1,600 00
19.	For Salaries of two Firemen, at the same Works, nine hundred dollars, - - - -	900 00
20.	For the purchase of Coal at Fairmount Works, three hundred and fifty dollars, - - -	350 00
21.	For the purchase of Coal at Delaware Works, seven thousand five hundred and twenty-five dollars, -	7,525 00
22.	For the purchase of Coal at Schuylkill Works, twelve thousand nine hundred dollars, - -	12,900 00
23.	For the purchase of Coal at Twenty-fourth Ward Works, fifteen hundred dollars, - - -	1,500 00
24.	For the purchase Wood at the several Works, for kindling purposes, twelve hundred dollars, -	1,200 00
25.	For the purchase of Tallow and Oil for Schuylkill Works, fifteen hundred dollars, - -	1,500 00
26.	For the purchase of Tallow and Oil for Delaware Works, eight hundred dollars, - -	800 00
27.	For the purchase of Tallow and Oil for Fairmount Works, one thousand dollars, - -	1,000 00
28.	For the purchase of Tallow and Oil for Twenty-fourth Ward Works, four hundred dollars, - -	400 00

Item 29. For Repairs to Fairmount Works, including labor, lumber, and other materials, four thousand dollars, - - -	\$ 4,000 00
30. For Repairs to Delaware Works, eighteen hundred dollars, -	1,800 00
31. For Repairs to Schuylkill Works, two thousand seven hundred dollars, - - -	2,700 00
32. For Repairs to Twenty-fourth Ward Works, five hundred and fifty dollars, - - -	550 00
33. For the purchase of Small Stores, Tools, Soap, White and Red Lead, &c., for all the Works, one thousand dollars, -	1,000 00
34. For the purchase of Packing, Hemp and Gum, for all the Pumps and Engines, one thousand dollars, -	1,000 00
35. For the purchase of Iron Pipes, Fire Plugs and Stop-Cocks, Branches and other fixtures con- nected with the laying of Pipes and setting of Plugs, forty-one thousand seven hundred dollars, -	41,700 00
36. To pay for labor connected with the laying of Pipes and setting of Plugs, eighteen thousand three hundred dollars, -	18,300 00
37. To pay for keeping Pipes, Plugs, and fixtures in good order, and for making new attachments, twelve thousand five hundred dollars, - - -	12,500 00
38. To pay State Tax on all the Works, fifteen hundred dollars, -	1,500 00
39. To pay for keeping the Grounds and Reservoirs in good order, two thousand five hundred dol- lars, - - -	2,500 00

- Item 40. To pay for Books and Stationery, Printing and Advertising, Binding, Fuel for Office, Posting Bills, Cleaning Office, Ground Rent on Shop, Carriage hire for Committees, and incidentals, three thousand dollars, - - \$ 3,000 00
41. To pay for Painting Buildings at Fairmount and Schuylkill Works, one thousand dollars, - - 1,000 00
42. To pay the expense of Connecting with the Water Main on Thompson street, from the Fifteenth Ward, five thousand dollars, - 5,000 00

SECTION 2. And be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the further sum of Fourteen Thousand Dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to pay the President and Managers of the Schuylkill Navigation Company, for the City's half of a certain judgment obtained by Jonathan and Andrew Robinson, for damages, by raising the dam at Fairmount.

SECTION 3. And be it ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the further sum of Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Forty-three Dollars and Thirty-four cents be, and the same is hereby appropriated to pay the following debts contracted for by the Department for Supplying the City with Water, over and above the appropriation for the year 1856, and without authority of Law or Ordinance:

- Item 1. To pay Lewis Chester & Co., for Oakum, &c., one hundred and fifty-eight dollars and eighty cents, - - - \$ 158 80
2. To pay Woodbridge & Metcalf, for Painting Engine, two hundred and six dollars and fifty cents, - 206 50
3. To pay J. & H. Jones, for Brass Castings, seven hundred and fifteen dollars and five cents, - 715 05

Item 4. To pay Richard Trinick, for Blacksmith work, ninety-two dollars and sixty-two cents, - -	\$ 92 62
5. To pay George Megee, for Brass and Copper Bolts, forty-one dollars and twenty-five cents, -	41 25
6. To pay C. S. Close, for measuring Pipe, fifty-two dollars and forty-four cents, - -	52 44
7. To pay J. Bommershein, for Carpenter Work, thirty-seven dollars and eighteen cents, -	37 18
8. To pay Stileman & Co. for Stop-Cocks and Fire Plugs, one thousand and fifty dollars, - -	1,050 00
9. To pay Wages in Laying Pipes, as per pay rolls, five thousand two hundred dollars, - -	5,200 00
10. To pay for repairing Pipes and Plug-Stops, one thousand four hundred dollars, - -	1,400 00
11. To pay W. H. Knight, for Hardware, one hundred and forty-seven dollars, - -	147 00
12. To pay J. B. Evans, for Bricks, forty-two dollars and fifty cents, -	42 50
13. To pay sundry Small Bills, one hundred dollars, - -	100 00

SECTION 4. That no contracts shall be entered into for work, supplies, or materials contemplated by Items 20, 21, 22, 23, 35, 36, 42, unless by special authority from Councils.

SECTION 5. That Warrants for the said appropriations shall be drawn in conformity with existing ordinances.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an Appropriation to the Department of City Commissioners, to meet the Expenses of that Department for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-seven.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of one hundred and seventy-two thousand eight hundred and eighty dollars and three cents be, and the same is hereby appropriated to the Department of the City Commissioners, to defray the expenses of the public service as hereinafter mentioned, that is to say:—

For the Expenses of the District Court.

- | | | | |
|---------|--|---------------------|------------|
| Item 1. | To pay six officers, four thousand three hundred and five dollars and sixty cents, | - - - | \$4,305 60 |
| 2. | To pay Jurors of No. 1 and 2, fifteen thousand dollars, | - - - | 15,000 00 |
| 3. | For Books and Stationery, and for recording Common Recoveries, arranging and preparing the same, for recording under Act of Assembly, approved 19th April, 1856, nine hundred dollars, | - - - | 900 00 |

For the Expenses of the Court of Common Pleas.

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| 4. | To pay four officers, twenty-eight hundred and seventy dollars and forty cents, | - - - | 2,870 40 |
| 5. | To pay Jurors, eight thousand dollars, | - - - | 8,000 00 |
| 6. | To pay for Filing Records, sixty dollars, | - - - | 60 00 |
| 7. | To pay for Books and Stationery, two hundred and fifty dollars, | - - - | 250 00 |

For Expenses of Supreme Court.

- | | | | |
|----|--|---------------------|----------|
| 8. | To pay five officers, twenty-nine hundred dollars, | - - - | 2,900 00 |
|----|--|---------------------|----------|

Item 9.	To pay Jurors, three thousand dollars, - - - -	\$3,000 00
10.	To pay for Recording Common Recoveries and Bills of Partition, by order of the Legislature, one thousand dollars, - - -	1,000 00
11.	To pay for Books and Stationery, two hundred dollars, - - -	200 00

For Expenses of the Court of Quarter Sessions.

12.	To pay twelve officers, eight thousand six hundred and eleven dollars and twenty cents, - - -	8,611 20
13.	To pay Pettit Jurors, seven thousand five hundred dollars, - - -	7,500 00
14.	To pay Grand Jurors, four thousand five hundred dollars, - - -	4,500 00
15.	To pay for Books and Stationery, two hundred and fifty dollars, - - -	250 00
16.	To pay Board of Jurors, five hundred dollars, - - - -	500 00
17.	To pay Witness Fees, six hundred dollars, - - - -	600 00
18.	To pay the District Attorney and Clerk, ten thousand dollars, - - -	10,000 00
19.	To pay Clerks to bring up the Record of Road Cases, by order of the Judges, one thousand dollars, the pay to each clerk not to exceed two dollars per day, - - -	1,000 00
20.	To pay Sheriff's Fees, four thousand dollars, - - - -	4,000 00
21.	To pay Coroner's Fees and Salary, forty-five hundred dollars, - - -	4,500 00
22.	To pay expense for Carriage Hire, to convey the Grand Jury to Almshouse and other public institutions, four hundred dollars, - - -	400 00
23.	To pay Road Jurors, one thousand dollars, - - - -	1,000 00
24.	To pay for Gas, ninety dollars, - - -	90 00

Provided, that the Stationery

supplied by the City to the respective Courts shall be furnished upon specific orders drawn therefor by the Prothonotaries or Clerks of said Courts respectively, and approved by the signature of the President or a majority of the Judges thereof, and not otherwise.

Item 25. For making out, indexing and comparing the Tax Duplicates for eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, including the calculations and all other matters necessary to complete the same, as follows:—

First Ward, two hundred dollars, -	\$200 00
Second Ward, one hundred and ninety dollars, - - -	190 00
Third Ward, one hundred and twenty-eight dollars, - - -	128 00
Fourth Ward, one hundred and sixty-two dollars, - - -	162 00
Fifth Ward, one hundred and ten dollars, - - -	110 00
Sixth Ward, one hundred and sixty-seven dollars, - - -	167 00
Seventh Ward, one hundred and seventy-eight dollars, - -	178 00
Eighth Ward, one hundred and fifty dollars, - - -	150 00
Ninth Ward, one hundred and twenty-eight dollars, - -	128 00
Tenth Ward, one hundred and sixty dollars, - - -	160 00
Eleventh Ward, one hundred dollars, - - -	100 00
Twelfth Ward, one hundred and fifteen dollars, - - -	115 00
Thirteenth Ward, one hundred and seventy-five dollars, - -	175 00
Fourteenth Ward, one hundred and seventy-five dollars, - -	175 00
Fifteenth Ward, one hundred and twenty dollars, - - -	120 00

Sixteenth Ward, one hundred and fifty dollars,	\$150 00
Seventeenth Ward, one hundred and twenty-five dollars,	125 00
Eighteenth Ward, one hundred and thirty-five dollars,	135 00
Nineteenth Ward, one hundred and seventy dollars,	170 00
Twentieth Ward, one hundred and thirty-five dollars,	135 00
Twenty-first Ward, one hundred and thirty-five dollars,	135 00
Twenty-second Ward, one hundred fifty-six dollars,	156 00
Twenty-third Ward, two hundred and fifty dollars,	250 00
Twenty-fourth Ward, one hundred and fifty-six dollars,	156 00
Item 26. For the Books and Stationery, incident to the making out and completing said twenty-four Tax Duplicates, three hundred and thirty dollars,	330 00
27. For the payment of Salaries of fifty Assessors, fifteen thousand dollars,	15,000 00
28. For the Books for the use of the Assessors, in making the annual and additional Assessments, three hundred dollars,	300 00
29. For expense of Comparing and Correcting Assessments, two hundred and fifty dollars,	250 00
30. For the expense of the Board of Revision and Appeals, clerk hire, and all other matters connected therewith, two hundred dollars,	200 00
31. For the expenses of the Election in May and October, 1857—for the Compensation to the Judges, Inspectors and Clerks, twelve thousand one hundred dollars,	12,100 00

Item 32.	For the compensation to Return Judges and Clerks, one hundred and twenty-five dollars,	\$125 00
33.	For Administering Oaths to the Officers, five hundred dollars,	500 00
34.	For Constable Fees, two hundred and fifty dollars,	250 00
35.	For Rent of Rooms for holding Election, four hundred dollars,	400 00
36.	For making Transcripts, cleaning and renewing the same, six hundred dollars,	600 00
37.	For preparing Street Lists for Printing, six hundred dollars,	600 00
38.	For collecting and distributing Ballot Boxes, May Election, one hundred and fifty dollars,	150 00
39.	For collecting and distributing Ballot Boxes, October Election, one hundred and fifty dollars,	150 00
40.	For Advertising Sheriff's Proclamation in three papers, in May and October, seven hundred and fifty in May, and seven hundred and fifty dollars in October,	1,500 00
41.	For Printing and Posting Sheriff's Proclamation, in May and October, five hundred dollars in May, and five hundred dollars in October,	1,000 00
42.	For Printing and Posting List of Assessments, five thousand dollars,	5,000 00
43.	For Printing and Posting Extra Assessment, three thousand dollars,	3,000 00
44.	For Stationery, Blanks and Printing necessary for the Officers of the Election in May and October, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, two thousand dollars, (one thou-	

	sand dollars for May, and one thousand dollars in October,	\$2,000 00
Item 45.	For expense of Recording Elections in May and October, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, two hundred dollars,	200 00
46.	For expense attending the Arrest of Fugitives from Justice, three hundred dollars,	300 00
47.	For the pay of the Auditors appointed by the Court of Common Pleas to audit the accounts of County Officers, two hundred dollars,	200 00
48.	For Postage, Advertising and Printing, five hundred dollars,	500 00
49.	For Salary of one Commissioner, (George M. Hill), seventeen hundred and fifty dollars,	1,750 00
50.	For Salary of one Commissioner, (Jas. M. Leddy), twelve hundred and fifty dollars,	1,250 00
51.	For Salary of one Commissioner to November, 1857, (Adam Much), sixteen hundred and four dollars and seventeen cents,	1,604 17
52.	For Salary of Commissioner to be elected, to 1st January, 1858, one hundred and sixty-six dollars and sixty-six cents,	166 66
53.	For Salary of Messenger, five hundred dollars,	500 00
54.	To pay B. Sharkey, for Copying the entire Records of the Court of Quarter Sessions for the year 1852, two hundred and fifty dollars,	250 00
55.	For payment to the Pennsylvania State Hospital, for Board of patients placed there by the direction of the Courts, one thousand dollars,	1,000 00

- Item 56. For payment to the Board of Inspectors of the Eastern Penitentiary, for the expenses of the prisoners convicted in the Courts of Philadelphia County, sixty-five hundred and ninety-two dollars. *Provided*, that before the warrants for this amount, or any part thereof, shall be countersigned by the City Controller, a statement shall be filed, showing the charges for maintaining the Prisoners for which the City is liable, \$6,592 00
57. For payment to the Managers of the House of Refuge, to be paid in equal amounts on the first days of March, June, September and December, twenty thousand dollars, 20,000 00
58. For payment to the Managers of the House of Refuge, the further sum of eight thousand dollars, to pay the floating debts contracted by them, 8,000 00
59. For the payment of the expenses of Children committed to the Northern Home for Friendless Children by the Judges of the Criminal Court, bills therefor to be filed with the Controller before warrants shall be drawn, one thousand dollars, 1,000 00
60. For the payment to the Union School and Children's Home, to be paid in like manner and subject to the same conditions as the Northern Home for Friendless Children, one thousand dollars, 1,000 00

SECTION 2. That Warrants for the said Appropriations shall be drawn in conformity with existing ordinances.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an Appropriation to the Trust and Fire Department for the year 1857, and to pay certain Claims incurred during the year 1856.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of Thirty-six Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-five Dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to the Fire Department, for the year 1857, for the following purposes:

For Salary of the Chief Engineer, twelve hundred dollars,	\$1,200 00
For Salaries of Five Assistant Engineers, at four hundred dollars each,	2,000 00
For Salary of Secretary, eight hundred dollars,	800 00
For Office expenses, Gas, Printing, Advertising, Stationery, Books and cleaning Office, two hundred dollars,	200 00
For Rent of Office, two hundred dollars,	200 00
For Expenses of the Board of Directors, Printing, Stationery, Advertising, Rent and Postage, two hundred dollars,	200 00
For Carriage Hire of the Visiting Committee on Trust and Fire Department, seventy-five dollars,	75 00
For Gratuities to the Fire Engine, Hose, and Hook and Ladder Companies composing the Fire Department, twenty-eight thousand six hundred dollars,	28,600 00

Provided, that no Gratuity shall be awarded to any Company until the same shall be directed by resolution of Councils.

For equipping and putting in service, and maintaining Steam Fire Engine (Young America,) thirty-five hundred dollars.

Provided, that no part of said appropriation shall be expended until the same is directed by resolution of Councils.

3,500 00

SECTION 2. That the sum of Fourteen Hundred and Fifty Dollars and one cent, be and the same is hereby appropriated to pay the following claims for labor and materials for a house built without authority, under the direction of a Committee of Councils, 1856, to receive the Steam Fire Engine Young America.

To Charles D. Supplee, for Carpenter Work and Superintendence, five hundred and fifty-one dollars,	\$ 551 00
To Emanuel Triol, for Painting, three hundred and seventeen dollars and seventeen cents,	317 17
To George R. Johnson, Tin Roof, &c., one hundred and ninety-four dollars and forty cents,	194 40
To Davis Supplee, for Plastering, &c., one hundred dollars,	100 00
J. B. Baxter & Bro., for Hardware, one hundred and ten dollars,	110 00
To Samuel Sloan, for Designs, and Working Drawings, twenty-five dollars,	25 00
To William Allen, for Knobs for Doors, fifteen dollars,	15 00
To S. Manuel, for Gas Pipes, forty dollars,	40 00
To Patrick Shern, fifteen dollars and twenty cents,	15 20
For expenses incurred in measuring the Carpenter and other Work done at the House erected for the Steam Fire Engine, eighty-two dollars and twenty-four cents,	82 24

SECTION 3. Warrants for the payment of the said appropriations shall be drawn by the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, in the form and manner, and with the requisites set forth in existing ordinances relating to the drawing of Warrants for the payment of money from the City Treasury.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an Appropriation to the Department of the Receiver of Taxes, for the year Eighteen Hundred and Fifty-seven.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of Twenty-four Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to the Department of the Receiver of Taxes, for the expenses thereof, for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, as follows:

1. For the Salary of the Receiver of Taxes, twenty-five hundred dollars, \$2,500 00
2. For the Salary of the Chief Clerk, one thousand dollars, 1,000 00
3. For the Salaries of the Assistant Clerks and Messenger, five thousand six hundred dollars, 5,600 00
4. For the Salaries of Additional Clerks, when employed by authority of Councils, six thousand eight hundred dollars, 6,800 00
5. For making the Tax Duplicates, for the Twenty-first, Twenty-second, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, seven hundred dollars, 700 00
6. For Blank Books and Stationery, eight hundred dollars, 800 00
7. For making Tax Duplicates, for the Aldermen of the City, twelve hundred dollars, 1,200 00
8. For Printing Bills, Notices, Returns and Advertising, fifteen hundred dollars, 1,500 00
9. For the Expenses of Agents to Receive Taxes, in the Twenty-first, Twenty-second, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, two hundred dollars, 200 00
10. For Advertising and Delivering Tax Bills of 1854 and 1855, sixty dollars, 60 00
11. For Advertising Names of Delinquent Tax Payers, in conformity with the

Act of Assembly, three thousand four hundred and fifty dollars,	\$3,450 00
12. For Filing Claims of Registered Taxes, and Advertising the same, four hundred dollars,	400 00
13. For Miscellaneous Expenses, two hundred and fifty dollars,	250 00

SECTION 2. That Warrants for the said Appropriations shall be drawn in conformity with existing ordinances.

APPENDIX No. 113.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report for the consideration of Councils, the annexed ordinance “establishing the manner in which certain supplies to the City of Philadelphia shall hereafter be procured.” In view of the manner in which the supplies for the various departments have been procured heretofore, your committee is convinced that the passage and enforcement of the proposed ordinance will save to the city a large sum. Your committee, therefore, ask its passage, with such amendments and improvements as Councils may deem proper.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
 ABR. BAKER,
 THOS. CRAVEN,
 HENRY J. BOLLER.

Jan. 15, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

Establishing the manner in which certain Supplies to the City of Philadelphia shall hereafter be procured.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the Mayor of the City of Philadelphia shall, on the passage hereof, and annually thereafter, in each year, advertise in three daily newspapers, published in said city, for sealed proposals to furnish the respective annual supplies hereinafter mentioned, in such quantities as may be specified by joint resolutions of Councils. The advertisements for supplies for the remainder of this year to be made on the passage hereof, and for each succeeding year thirty days prior to the ——— day of December, in the preceding year. The said supplies to be as follows:—

Wheat and rye flour, corn meal, sugar, rice, molasses, oil, beef, mutton, bacon, coal and wood, for the Inspectors of the County Prison.

Wheat and rye flour, corn meal, beef, mutton, sugar, molasses, oil, tea, coffee, wood and coal, for the Guardians of the Poor.

Coal and wood for the Department for Supplying the City with Water.

Coal and wood for the use of the Public Schools, and all other departments requiring the same.

SECTION 2. Said proposals shall be opened by the Mayor, at 12 o'clock, M., on a day and at a place to be fixed in the advertisements, in the presence of the Presidents of the Select and Common Councils, or of either of them, in case of the unavoidable absence of the other; and contracts for said respective supplies shall be awarded to the lowest respective bidders, who shall furnish security, satisfactory to Councils, for the faithful performance thereof.

APPENDIX No. 114.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRUSTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department report the following Ordinance, entitled “An Ordinance to make appropriations out of certain Trust funds to the Superintendent of Trusts, for the purposes therein named, and ask its adoption.

Respectfully,

W. S. WINSHIP, *Chairman*,
JOHN WELSH,
ANDREW J. BAKER,
B. F. WRIGHT.

Jan. 15, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To make Appropriations out of certain Trust Funds to the Superintendent of Trusts, for the purposes therein named.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sums hereinafter mentioned, be, and the same are hereby appropriated to the Superintendent of Trusts, for the purposes following, that is to say :

1. The sum of four hundred and twenty-five dollars and fifty-one cents out of the income of the fund bequeathed by Elizabeth Kirkpatrick and John Bleakly, and the Trust created by the First Lodge of Free Masons, to apply the same to pay the cost of purchasing and distributing fuel among the poor, according to the direction of the divisors and donors aforesaid.

2. The sum of one hundred and ninety-three dollars and thirty-eight cents out of the income of the Trusts created by Acts of Assembly, of March 8th, 1847, and March 16th, 1848, for supplying the poor residing within the limits of the late District of Spring Garden, as provided in said acts, with fuel, agreeably to the terms of said trusts.

3. The sum of five hundred and seventy-eight dollars and thirty cents out of the income of the fund bequeathed by the late Stephen Girard, to "The Corporation of the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of Philadelphia," for the purpose of purchasing and distributing fuel to the poor; for paying the expenses of distributing such fuel in the month of January, 1857.

4. The sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars out of the income of John Scott's legacy, of four thousand dollars:

1. To pay for Advertising, by the Franklin Institute, fifty dollars.

2. To invest in City Loan, being unemployed income, seven hundred dollars.

5. The sum of seven hundred dollars out of the income and investment of principal paid off, of John Scott's legacy of three thousand dollars, to invest the same in City Loan.

6. The sum of two thousand dollars out of the income and investment of principal paid off, of Dr. Benjamin Franklin's legacy, to invest the same in City Loan.

7. The sum of five hundred dollars out of the income of the devise of Paul Beck, "to the Mayor, Aldermen and citizens of Philadelphia," for supplying the poor with soup; to pay the same in two equal parts to the Western Soup Society, and the Society for supplying the poor with soup.

8. The sum of twelve dollars, the income of the devise of Samuel Scottin, to "The Corporation of the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of Philadelphia," in trust to distribute bread to the value of said income to the poor of the said City and the District of Southwark; to distribute bread to the value of the same to the poor, agreeably to the direction of said devisor.

9. The sum of six hundred and twenty-seven dollars out of the income of the bequest of the late Stephen Girard, to "The Corporation of the Public Schools for the City and County of Philadelphia," in trust for the use of the Schools in the First Section of the First School District of Pennsylvania, to pay the same in equal portions for the use of the Public

Schools in the Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Wards, the said wards constituting what was at the time of the said bequest, the First Section of the First School District aforesaid.

10. The sum of three hundred and seventy-five dollars, out of the income of the Franklin and Scott legacies, and the devise of Thomas D. Grover, for the purpose of paying the following expenses for 1857, of the Superintendent in his care and management of the trusts in his charge, the sum which each of the said legacies and devises is to contribute towards the said appropriation, to be fixed by the said Superintendent, that is to say:

1. Salary of Superintendent, one hundred and fifty dollars.

2. Printing Annual Report, in pamphlet form, one hundred and fifty dollars.

3. Blank Books and Stationery, fifty dollars.

4. Incidentals, twenty-five dollars.

SECTION 2. Warrants for the payment of the same, shall be drawn by the Superintendent of Trusts.

APPENDIX No. 115.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRUSTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department report the following ordinance, entitled “An Ordinance to make an Appropriation to the Superintendent of Trusts for the purposes therein mentioned,” and ask its adoption.

Respectfully,

W. S. WINSHIP, *Chairman*,
ANDREW J. BAKER,
JOHN WELSH,
B. F. WRIGHT.

Jan. 15, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an Appropriation to the Superintendent of Trusts for the purposes therein mentioned.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of two thousand seven hundred and thirty-seven dollars and twenty cents, out of the income of the estate devised by the late Thomas D. Grover, and vested in this corporation, be and the same hereby is appropriated to the Superintendent of Trusts, for the following annuities charged on, and expenses incurred and to be incurred in the management of said estate for 1857, namely:—

1. Annuity of Mary Grover, due March and September, 1857, twelve hundred dollars.

2. Annuity of Catharine Grover, due January and July, 1857, one hundred dollars.

3. Annuity of Priscilla Grover, due January and July, 1857, three hundred dollars.

4. Annuity of Sophia Grover, due January and July, 1857, one hundred dollars.

5. A. W. Rand, for heater and fixtures in house in Twenty-fourth Ward, one hundred and eighty-seven dollars and eighty-two cents.

6. City of Philadelphia, for laying water pipe in front of house in Twenty-fourth Ward, and expenses, two hundred and fifty dollars.

7. Introducing water into house in Twenty-fourth Ward, with the requisite fixtures, one hundred and fifty dollars.

8. Water rent and insurance, thirty dollars.

9. Repairs to house No. 12 Federal street, viz:—Painting, plumbing, papering, &c., sixty dollars.

10. Taxes on house No. 12 Federal street, for 1856, forty-five dollars.

11. Taxes on Estate, for 1857, two hundred and sixty-four dollars and thirty-eight cents.

12. Incidentals, fifty dollars.

SECTION 2. Warrants for the payment of the same shall be drawn by the Superintendent of Trusts.

APPENDIX No. 116.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRUSTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department report the following ordinance, entitled “An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of Managers of Wills Hospital, for the use of the said Hospital, for the year 1857,” and ask its adoption.

W. S. WINSHIP, *Chairman*,
JOHN WELSH,
ANDREW J. BAKER,
B. F. WRIGHT.

Jan. 15, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an Appropriation to the Board of Managers of Wills Hospital, for the use of said Hospital for the year 1857.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of seven thousand and forty-seven dollars and thirty cents, out of the income of the funds devised and bequeathed and vested in this corporation for the Wills Hospital, be and the same is hereby appropriated to the Board of Managers of the said Hospital, for the support and management of the same during the year 1857, the said appropriation to be apportioned as follows, namely:—

1. For house expenses, four thousand three hundred and ninety-six dollars and seventy cents.

2. For salaries and wages, one thousand five hundred and seventy-two dollars and forty cents.

3. For the medical department, five hundred and twenty-seven dollars and eighty cents.

4. For repairs to real estate and taxes, five hundred and fifty dollars and forty cents.

SECTION 2. Warrants for the payment of the same shall be drawn by the Superintendent of Trusts.

APPENDIX No. 117.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :—Your Committee on Surveys and Regulations, to whom was referred the matter of a culvert on the line of Twelfth street, northward from Walnut, beg leave to present the annexed ordinance, asking that it may receive the sanction of Councils.

GEORGE NORTHROP, *Chairman*,

SPENCER ROBERTS,

SAMUEL P. DUTTON,

Jan. 15, 1857.

JOSEPH GEISS.

AN ORDINANCE

To authorize the Construction of a certain Culvert or Drain, on the line of Twelfth street, from Walnut to George, in the Eighth Ward.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the owners of property, situate in the vicinity of Twelfth and George streets, in the Eighth Ward of the City of Philadelphia, are hereby authorized to construct a culvert or drain, to commence at and intersect the culvert at Walnut and Twelfth streets, to extend northwardly along the centre of Twelfth street to the north side of George street; to be of such form and dimensions as the Department of Surveys may prescribe, and to be constructed under the supervision of the Department of Surveys. *Provided*, before the said culvert is commenced, the parties, who are hereby authorized to construct the same, shall enter into a covenant to build it at their own expense, and, upon its completion, to restore the pavement to its present condition.

SECTION 2. The said culvert, when completed, shall become the property of the corporation, without condition, except that no permit or permission shall be granted to make any drain thereto except to persons who may have contributed to the expense of the con-

struction thereof before he or she shall have paid to the parties so contributing, a sum proportionable to the extent of the front of his or her property on said culvert: *Provided*, a certificate of approval and acceptance thereof from the Chief Engineer and Surveyor, and a statement of the actual cost of such culvert, shall have been filed in the office of the Department of Surveys.

APPENDIX No. 118.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Surveys and Regulations herewith return the Resolution of Select Council, relative to the construction of an Inlet at Market and Letitia streets, with the recommendation that it be adopted.

GEO. NORTHPROP, *Chairman*,
SPENCER ROBERTS,
SAM'L P. DUTTON,
JOSEPH GEISS.

Jan. 15, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 119.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Surveys and Regulations, to whom was referred, the Petition for a Cul-

vert on the lines of Willow and Locust streets, Eighth Ward, beg leave to offer the annexed ordinance, asking its adoption.

GEO. NORTHRUP, *Chairman*,
SPENCER ROBERTS,
SAM'L P. DUTTON,
JOSEPH GEISS.

Jan. 15, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To authorize the Construction of a certain Culvert or Drain on Willow and Locust streets, Eighth Ward.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the owners of property, situate in the vicinity of Willow and Spruce streets, in the Eighth Ward of the City of Philadelphia, are hereby authorized to construct a culvert or drain, to commence at the north side of Spruce street, and extend northwardly along Willow street to the centre of Locust street, thence westward on Locust street to the river Schuylkill; to be of such form and dimensions as the Department of Surveys may prescribe, and to be constructed under the supervision of the Department of Surveys. *Provided*, before the said culvert is commenced, the parties who are hereby authorized to construct the same, shall enter into a covenant to build it at their own expense, and upon its completion, to restore the pavement to its present condition.

SECTION 2. The said culvert, when completed, shall become the property of the Corporation, without condition, except that no permit or permission shall be granted to make any drain thereto except to persons who may have contributed to the expense of the construction thereof before he or she shall have paid to the parties so contributing, a sum proportionable to the extent of the front of his or her property on said culvert; *Provided*, a certificate of approval and acceptance thereof from the Chief Engineer and Surveyor, and a statement of the actual cost of such culvert shall have been filed in the Office of the Department of Surveys.

APPENDIX No. 120.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :—The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the communications of the Delaware Coal Company and Margaretta S. Wetherill—the former claiming \$69 54 and the latter \$65 77 for alleged over payment of tax—report that the City Commissioners (so say the communications,) deducted from the regular assessment of their property on the river Schuylkill, four thousand dollars from the first, and three thousand five hundred dollars from the second named; thus they make application to Councils for a deduction of said taxes. Were said claims allowed, it would be in opposition to the eighth section of an ordinance passed 12th of February, 1855, which provides “that the Commissioners shall make no abatement or allowance in the valuation of any real estate which was assessed at a triennial assessment, except when buildings or other improvements have been destroyed subsequently to such triennial assessment.” The Committee are of the opinion that the City Commissioners had not the right to make the allowance asked for by the claimants, thus assuming to themselves the whole duties of the Board of Revision, without the co-operation of the City Treasurer and Receiver of Taxes, as required by the act of Assembly, and therefore report adverse to the payment of said claims, and offer the following resolution:—

Resolved, That a written copy of this report be sent to the Receiver of Taxes, and that the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

J. G. SORVER, *Chairman*,
SAMUEL STEVENSON,
SAMUEL MECUTCHEN,
CHARLES F. ISEMINGER.

Jan. 8, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 121.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill of Jonathan Mather, for Ground Rent and Interest thereon, amounting to \$131 67; also, the bill of Hancock & Fox, for bricks for the Highway Department, of \$179 70; also, the Bill of James B. Cowden, for Repairing Cells, amounting to \$12 74, report that they have considered the same, and respectfully report in favor of the payment of said claims, and ask that the same be referred to the Committee on Finance, to be embodied by that Committee in an Ordinance for the payment of the same, and offer the following resolution:

Resolved, "That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the same."

J. G. SORVER, *Chairman*,
SAMUEL STEVENSON,
SAMUEL H. MECUTCHEN,
CHARLES F. ISEMINGER.

Jan. 8, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 122.

READ IN PLACE BY MR. MILLER, JANUARY 15, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To authorize a Temporary Loan to meet the demands upon the Treasury.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the Mayor, City Controller and City Solicitor, are hereby authorized to borrow, from time to time, as the necessities of the Treasury may require a sum not exceeding in the aggregate Five Hundred Thousand Dollars.

SECTION 2. The Certificates to be issued for the said Loan shall be of such form as the officers named in the foregoing section shall determine, and shall be signed by the Mayor, and countersigned by the City Controller. The said Loan shall be payable within a period not exceeding ninety days.

SECTION 3. The City Controller shall have the necessary books prepared to keep the accounts of and make the proper entries for the said loan, and the officers named in the first section shall have a care that the said loan is made to fall due at such times as the same can be most readily met by the revenue of the County Treasury.

APPENDIX No. 123.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF TRUSTS.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 1, 1857.

GENTLEMEN:—The following are the receipts of the several trusts, with the amounts for which ordinances will be required:—

Fund for Supplying certain Poor of the City with Fuel.
1857.

Jan. 1. Balance on hand,	\$204 71
“ 6 months' interest on City loan,	159 80
“ 6 months' interest on Bank of Penn- sylvania shares,	60 00
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	\$424 51
Whole amount to be appropriated to pay for Fuel delivered to the Poor of the City during the winter of 1856-57,	\$424 51

Trusts created by Acts of Assembly, March 8th, 1847, and March 16th, 1848, for Supplying the Poor of the late District of Spring Garden with Fuel.

1857.—Jan. 1. Balance on hand,	\$193 38
Whole amount to be appropriated to pay for Fuel delivered to the Poor of the late District of Spring Garden, during the winter of 1856–57, say	193 38

Stephen Girard's Legacy for Supplying "Poor White Housekeepers and Roomkeepers" of the City with Fuel.

1857.—Jan. 1. Balance on hand,	\$578 30
Whole amount to be appropriated to pay for Fuel to be delivered during the month of January, 1857, say	\$578 30

John Scott's Legacy of \$4,000 00 for Premiums to Ingenious Men and Women.

1857.—Jan. 1. Balance on hand,	\$522 34
“ 6 months' interest on City loan,	271 30
July 1. 6 months' interest on City loan,	271 30
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	\$1,064 94

To be appropriated for 1857, as follows:—	
For advertising by Franklin Institute,	\$50 00
For investment, being a surplus amount of interest above the wants of the trust,	700 00
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	\$750 00

John Scott's Legacy of \$3,000 00—Interest to be Loaned to Young Married Artificers.

1857.—Jan. 1. Balance on hand,	\$481 67
“ Certificate of 5 per cent. City loan paid off,	300 00
“ 6 months' interest on City loan,	152 15
July 1. 6 months' interest on City loan,	152 15
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	\$1,085 97

To be appropriated for 1857, as follows:—

For investment, being amount of City loan paid off, and surplus interest above the wants of the trust,	\$700 00
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Benjamin Franklin's Legacy—Interest to be Loaned to Young Married Artificers.

1857.—Jan. 1. Balance on hand,	\$1,479 85
“ 6 months' interest on City loan,	446 40
July 1. 6 months' interest on City loan,	446 40
“ Certificate of 5 per cent. City loan paid off,	500 00
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	\$2,872 65

To be appropriated for 1857, as follows:—

For investment, being amount of City loan paid off, and surplus interest above the wants of trust,	\$2,000 00
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Paul Beck's Legacy for the Soup Societies of the City of Philadelphia.

1857.—Jan. 1. Balance on hand,	\$541 00
To be appropriated for 1857, as follows:—	
To the Western Soup Society,	\$250 00
To the Society for Supplying the Poor with Soup,	250 00
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	\$500 00

Samuel Scottin's Legacy for the Distribution of Bread, on 23d Feb., to the Poor of Philadelphia and Southwark.

1857.—Jan. 1. Balance on hand,	\$12 00
The above to be appropriated for the above object.	

Stephen Girard's Legacy to the Controllers of the Public Schools.

1857.—Jan. 1. Balance on hand,	\$340 50
“ 6 months' interest on City loan,	313 50
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	\$654 00

To be appropriated for 1857, as follows:—

To the Public Schools of the First
Section of the First School District
of Pennsylvania, comprised in the
Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth
and Tenth Wards, each the sum of
one hundred and four dollars and
fifty cents, making a total of \$627 00

Thomas D. Grover Trust.

1857.

Jan. 1.	Balance on hand,	\$	50
"	6 months' interest on City loan,	1,159	72
July 1.	6 months' interest on City loan,	1,159	72
	1 quarter's rent Point Road Estate,	50	00
	1 year's rent Federal Street House,	225	00
	1 year's rent Point Road Estate,	200	00
	1 year's rent N. A. Hall,	50	00
	1 year's rent Willow Lot, Stone House Lane,	45	00
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		\$2,889	94

To be appropriated for 1857, as follows:—

To Mary Grover, 12 months' annuity, due March 8th and September 8th, 1857,	\$1,200 00
To Catharine Grover, 12 months' annuity, due January 1st and July 1st, 1857,	100 00
To Priscilla Grover, 12 months' annuity, due January 1st and July 1st, 1857,	300 00
To Sophia Grover, 12 months' annuity, due January 1st and July 1st, 1857,	100 00
Amount carried forward,	<hr/> \$1,700 00

Amounts brought forward,	\$1,700 00	\$2,889 94
To A. W. Rand, for Heaters and Fixtures in house in Twenty-fourth Ward,	187 82	
To City of Philadelphia, for laying Water Pipe in front of house in Twenty-fourth Ward, and expenses,	250 00	
To introducing Water into house in Twenty-fourth Ward, with the requisite fixtures,	150 00	
To Water Rent and Insu- rance,	30 00	
Repairs to house No. 12 Fede- ral street, viz:—Painting, Plumbing, Papering, &c.,	60 00	
To Taxes on house No. 12 Federal street, for 1856,	45 00	
To Taxes on Estate for 1857,	264 38	
To Incidentals,	50 00	—2,737 20
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		\$152 74

Wills Hospital.

1857.

Jan. 1. Balance on hand,	\$1,027 70
“ 6 months' interest on City loan,	1,159 00
“ 6 months' interest on Yellow Fever Fund,	280 80
June 22. 6 months' interest on Exchange mortgage,	1,020 00
July 1. 6 months' interest on City loan,	1,159 00
“ 6 months' interest on Yellow Fever Fund,	280 80
Dec. 22. 6 months' interest on Exchange mortgage,	1,020 00
Estimated Receipts from Pay Pa- tients,	1,100 00
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	\$7,047 30

To be appropriated for the support of the
Hospital, for 1857, as follows:—

For House Expenses,	\$4,396 70
For Salaries and Wages,	1,572 40
For Medical Department,	527 80
For Real Estate,	550 40
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	\$7,047 30

Expenses of Trusts for 1857.

For Salary of Superintendent,	\$150 00
For Printing Report in pamphlet form,	150 00
For Blank Books and Stationery,	50 00
For Incidentals,	25 00
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	\$375 00

Yellow Fever Fund.

1856.	RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.	Cr.
Jan. 1.	By balance from old account,	\$59 50
" 21.	6 months' interest on City loan,	280 80
July 26.	6 months' interest on City loan,	280 80
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		\$621 10
1856.		Dr.
July 26.	To this amount transferred to interest account of Wills Hospital,	\$561 60
Dec. 31.	To balance to new account,	59 50
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		\$621 10

City Trust Fund.

1856.	RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.	Cr.
Jan. 1.	By balance from old account,	\$264 50
" 21.	6 months' interest on City loan,	159 80
" 22.	6 months' dividend on shares in Bank of Pennsylvania,	48 00
July 11.	6 months' dividend on shares in Bank of Pennsylvania,	60 00
Nov. 12.	6 months' interest on City loan,	159 80
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		\$692 10

1856.—Feb. 22.	To warrant No. 26, in favor of J. W. Bullock,	Dr. \$215 91
“ “ 25.	To warrant No. 30, in favor of J. Galbraith,	92 75
“ “ 26.	To warrant No. 35, in favor of J. W. Bullock,	3 98
“ “ 26.	To warrant No. 38, in favor of Hartman & Baker,	159 25
“ Sept. 15.	To warrant No. 69, in favor of William Christy,	15 50
“ Dec. 31.	To balance new account,	204 71
		<hr/> \$692 10

John Scott's Legacy of \$4,000.

1856.	RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.	Cr.
Jan. 1.	By balance from old account,	\$789 69
“ 21.	6 months' interest on City loan,	251 35
Nov. 12.	6 months' interest on City loan,	271 30
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1856.		Dr.
Feb. 27.	To warrant No. 40, in favor of C. B. Wainwright,	\$651 00
Mar. 15.	To warrant No. 47, in favor of William Hamiltan,	42 00
June 3.	To warrant No. 58, in favor of Charles Oat,	37 50
“ 30.	To warrant No. 60, in favor of Joseph Hufty,	59 50
Dec. 31.	To balance to new account,	522 34
		<hr/> \$1,312 34

John Scott's Legacy of \$3,000 00.

1856.		Cr.
Jan. 1.	By balance from old account,	\$213 37
“ 21.	6 months' interest on City loan,	152 15
Nov. 22.	By Jacob G. Carter, Jr., his first instalment,	39 00
“ 12.	6 months' interest on City loan,	152 15
		<hr/> \$556 67

1856.	Dr.
March 8. To warrant No. 44, in favor of Charles Oat,	\$75 00
Dec. 31. To balance to new account,	481 67
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	\$556 67

Benjamin Franklin's Legacy.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

1856.	Cr.
Jan. 1. By balance from old account,	\$ 826 10
“ 21. By 6 months' interest on City loan,	432 15
May 17. By cash, Jos. L. Witt, 1st instalment,	39 00
“ 19. “ Chas. Paulus, 1st instalment,	30 00
Mch. 22. “ B. Franklin Read, 10th, instalment,	21 00
June 16. “ F. A. Luckenback, 1st,	39 00
July 31. “ Jos. L. Witt, being principal and interest in full of loan from above fund,	236 26
Nov. 12. By Cash, 6 months' interest on City loan,	446 40
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	\$2,069 91

1856.	Dr.
Feb. 21. To warrant No. 23, in favor of Joseph Hufty,	\$87 56
“ 27. To warrant No. 47, in favor of C. B. Wainwright,	465 00
Sept. 4. To warrant No. 67, in favor of Charles Oat,	37 50
Dec. To balance to new account,	1,479 85
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	\$2,069 91

Spring Garden Fuel Fund.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

	Cr.
1856.	
Jan. 1. By balance from old account,	\$129 00
Feb. 23. By cash, 6 months' interest on H. Warner's bond,	96 00
Dec. 30. By cash, 12 months' interest on H. Warner's bond,	192 00
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	\$ 417 00
1856.	Dr.
Feb. 22. To warrant No. 28, in favor of J. W. Bullock,	\$102 49
Feb. 25. To warrant No. 32, in favor of J. Galbraith,	119 00
May 13. To warrant No. 56, in favor of W. M. Heyl & Co.,	2 13
Dec. 31. Balance to new account,	193 38
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	\$ 417 00

Paul Beck's Legacy to Soup Societies.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

	Cr.
1856.	
Jan. 1. By balance from old account,	\$541 00
Mch. 22. By cash, 6 months' ground-rent,	250 00
Sept. 9. " " "	250 00
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	\$1,041 00
1856.	Cr.
Feb. 20. To warrant No. 17, in favor of William Biddle,	\$ 250 00
" 21. To warrant No. 20, in favor of Jeremiah Hacker,	250 00
Dec. 31. Balance to new account,	541 00
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	\$1,041 00

Samuel Scottin's Legacy for the Distribution of Bread.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

1856.	Cr.
Jan. 1. By balance from old account,	\$ 12 00
July 17. By cash, 12 months' ground-rent,	12 00
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	\$ 24 00
1856.	Dr.
Feb. 26. To warrant No. 37, in favor of E. Hartman,	\$ 6 00
Apl. 24. To warrant No. 52, in favor of C. D. Cassady,	6 00
Dec. 31. To balance to new account,	12 00
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	\$ 24 00

Girard Fuel Fund.

1856.	Cr.
Jan. 1. By balance,	\$289 08
1856.	Dr.
Feb. 22. To warrant No. 27, in favor of J. W. Bullock,	\$132 33
“ 25. To warrant No. 31, in favor of John Galbraith,	84 00
“ 26. To warrant No. 39, in favor of Hartman & Baker,	64 75
Dec. 31. Balance to new account,	8 00
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	\$ 289 08

Stephen Girard's Legacy to Controllers of Public Schools.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

1855.	Cr.
Nov. 9. By 6 months' interest on City loan,	\$313 50
1856.	
Jan. 31. By 6 months' interest on City loan,	313 50
Nov. 15. By 6 months' interest on City loan,	313 50
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	\$ 940 50

1856.	Dr.
Mch. 27. To warrant No. 49, in favor of E. Shippen, 8th section,	\$ 100 00
Apl. 10. To warrant No. 50, in favor of Joseph Cooper, 10th section,	100 00
“ 25. To warrant No. 53, in favor of J. H. O'Hara, 6th section,	100 00
“ 28. To warrant No. 54, in favor of J. Sulger, 9th section,	100 00
May 8. To warrant No. 55, in favor of J. J. Franklin, 5th section,	100 00
Sept. 30. To warrant No. 70, in favor of R. W. Beatty, 7th section,	100 00
Dec. 31. To balance to new account,	340 50
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	\$ 940 50

Thomas D. Grover Trust.

	RECEIPTS.	Cr.
1856.		
Jan. 1. By balance from old account,	\$ 283 50	
“ 2. By 6 months' interest on City loan,	1,159 72	
Mch. 13. By Alex. Petit, 1 quarter's rent,	12 50	
Apl. 10. By John Joyce, 1 quarter's rent,	56 25	
May 6. By John Stinger, 1 quarter's rent,	45 00	
“ 26. By John Potts, per H. Orr, 1 quar- ter's rent,	50 00	
June 9. By Alex. Petit, 1 quarter's rent,	12 50	
July 8. By John Joyce, 1 quarter's rent,	56 25	
“ 8. By 6 months' interest on City loan,	1,159 72	
“ 28. By John Potts, on account of rent,	15 00	
Sept. 9. By John Potts, on account of rent,	25 00	
“ 12. By John Joyce, 1 quarter's rent,	56 25	
“ 15. By John Potts, in full for 1 quar- ter's rent,	10 00	
“ 22. By Alex. Petit, 1 quarter's rent,	12 50	
Nov. 24. By John Potts, per H. Orr, 1 quar- ter's rent,	50 00	
Dec. 6. By John Joyce, 1 quarter's rent,	56 24	
“ 11. By Alex. Petit, 1 quarter's rent,	12 50	
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	\$3,072 94	

EXPENDITURES.

		Dr.
1856.		
Feb. 19.	To warrant No. 13, in favor of Alexander Petit,	\$60 78
" 20	To warrant No. 14, in favor of S. C. Bunting,	45 00
" 20.	To warrant No. 15, in favor of Beaumont & Stanceliff,	10 50
" 20.	To warrant No. 16, in favor of G. M. Sandgram, Attorney for J. & M. McElroy,	194 57
" 20.	To warrant No. 18, in favor of M. Sandgram,	46 93
" 21.	To warrant No. 19, in favor of Bartlett & Reynolds,	11 33
" 21.	To warrant No. 21, in favor of G. S. Burkhardt,	35 00
" 21.	To warrant No. 22, in favor of Catharine Grover,	50 00
" 21.	To warrant No. 23, in favor of Priscilla Grover,	150 00
" 21.	To warrant No. 25, in favor of Robert C. Hicks,	9 80
" 22.	To warrant No. 29, in favor of J. B. Hoffner,	28 00
" 25.	To warrant No. 33, in favor of C. Myers, Attorney for S. Grover,	50 00
" 25.	To warrant No. 34, in favor of C. Myers, Attorney for M. Grover,	60 47
" 26.	To warrant No. 36, in favor of J. C. Krider,	4 17
March 8.	To warrant No. 43, in favor of Charles Oat,	19 50
" 8.	To warrant No. 45, in favor of C. Myers, Attorney for M. Grover,	600 00
" 15.	To warrant No. 46, in favor of S. T. Altemus,	13 00
Amount carried forward,		<hr/> \$1,389 05

	Amount brought forward,	\$ 1,389 05
Mch. 27.	To warrant No. 48, in favor of Davis & Elsey,	10 50
April 14.	To warrant No. 51, in favor of W. P. Carman,	9 53
May 26.	To warrant No. 57, in favor of J. F. M. McElroy,	169 99
June 30.	To warrant No. 59, in favor of Joseph Hufty,	100 00
July 5.	To warrant No. 61, in favor of C. Myers, Attorney for S. Grover,	50 00
" 5.	To warrant No. 62, in favor of J. Wilkins,	4 61
" 7.	To warrant No. 63, in favor of J. F. M. McElroy,	67 86
" 9.	To warrant No. 64, in favor of Priscilla Grover,	150 00
" 21.	To warrant No. 65, in favor of Catharine Grover,	50 00
Aug. 4.	To warrant No. 60, in favor of J. F. M. McElroy,	253 69
Sept. 8.	To warrant No. 68, in favor of C. Myers, Attorney for M. Grover,	600 00
Dec. 11.	To warrant No. 71, in favor of A. Petit,	4 25
" 26.	To warrant No. 73, in favor of P. Armbruster,	212 96
" 31.	To balance to new account,	50 00
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		\$3,072 94

Wills Hospital Fund.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

1856.		Cr.
Jan. 1.	By balance from old account,	\$966 26
" 21.	6 months' interest on City loan,	1,156 00
Mar. 24.	By cash, Board of Patients, &c.,	119 20
May 5.	By cash, Board of Patients, &c.,	135 73
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Amount carried forward,		\$2,397 19

	Amount brought forward,	\$2,397 19
June 23.	6 months' interest on Exchange mortgage,	1,020 00
July 26.	12 months' interest on Yellow Fever Fund,	561 60
" 26.	6 months' interest on City loan,	1,159 00
Sept. 17.	By cash, Board of Patients, &c.,	418 83
Dec. 13.	By cash, Board of Patients, &c.,	135 38
" 15.	By cash from William A. Porter, being final dividend of Estate of P. Blenon, by E. Durdand, Esq.,	20 00
" 31.	By cash, Board of Patients, &c.,	200 86
" 31.	6 months' interest on Exchange mortgage,	1,020 00
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		\$6,912 86

1856.

Dr.

	House Expenses.	Salaries and Wages.	Medical Department.	Real Estate.
Jan.,	\$345 01	\$253 25	\$29 14	
Feb.,	220 28	74 37	53 41	\$79 97
Mar.,	247 46	68 50	31 58	3 50
April,	312 36	175 00	27 62	
May,	241 86	71 88	29 40	
June,	339 52	81 00	26 28	
July,	232 79	202 25	31 69	37 91
Aug.,	636 29	97 63	72 47	
Sept.,	342 18	79 00	27 63	3 34
Oct.,	233 26	175 38		18 00
Nov.,	257 99	69 50	33 60	
Dec.,	400 71	80 00	49 15	

\$3,809 71 \$1,427 76 \$411 97 \$142 72—\$5,792 16

Mar. 1.	To warrant No. 42, to C. B. Wainwright, investment,	93 00
Dec. 31.	To Balance to new account,	1,027 70

\$6,912 86

All of which is respectfully submitted, by

Your obedient servant,

CHARLES OAT,
Superintendent of Trusts.

APPENDIX No. 124.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER }
OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. }

*To the Honorable the Members of the Select and Common
Councils of the City of Philadelphia:*

GENTLEMEN:—In accordance with the provisions of the Eighth Section of the ordinance, entitled “An Ordinance to re-organize the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia,” I herewith transmit to your honorable bodies the Seventh, and my first, quarterly Report, for the quarter ending December 31, 1856, of the number of fires, alarms, amount of loss, and the loss over insurance, together with the condition of the Apparatus of the several companies composing the Department.

The Department consists of six Engineers, 2,186 Active, 2,713 Honorary, and 2,606 Contributing Members; amounting together to 7,505 firemen, which are divided into 41 Engine, 33 Hose and 5 Hook and Ladder Companies.

There are 4 first class Engines, 32 second class Engines, and 10 Suction Engines, 67 four-wheeled Hose Carriages, 14 two-wheeled Tenders, and 7 Trucks.

There are also in use in the Department, 59,317 feet of good Hose and 8,955 feet of bad Hose, making a total of 68,272 feet, and 910 feet of Ladder,

To which may be added, the Steam Fire Engine “Young America,” with 991 feet of Hose, all of which is good.

The number of fires that have occurred during the quarter, is 84. The estimated loss, upon which, is \$402,014, upon which there is an insurance of \$220-163, leaving a balance of an uninsured loss of \$181,852.

Attached to the Department is a Steam Fire Engine, about which, so much has been said. The principle of steam-power is a good one; but as applied to fire engines, it is yet imperfect, I may say in its infancy; and I am convinced that, if judiciously followed up it

will, at no very remote period, be brought into successful operation. The "Young America," so far as regards extinguishment, is an utterly worthless article. First: The power is too great for the engine; and on every occasion on which it is put into operation, either at a fire or for trial, something breaks or gives way. It strikes me that the workmanship and the material of which she is constructed, are neither of that character nor quality, which are requisite for so powerful a machine. Second: her immense size renders it impossible to have her conveyed to a fire at all remote from the location of her house. Again, her weight is so great that, at every fire she attends, there is a quantity of hose cut by her wheels, in spite of the bridges with which she is supplied. Again, if the suction is attached to a plug in the vicinity of a fire, the amount of water drawn is so great as to deaden the head on all the neighboring plugs to such a degree that they can force the water but a very limited distance; consequently the greater portion of the water is drawn to one point, when, at nearly all the fires that occur, it is a matter of vital importance to have good streams playing from several, say four or five, different positions at one and the same time. This is effectually prevented by the immense amount of water drawn by the "Young America" to a single point, and the different Engine Companies are materially crippled in their operations. The thanks of the community are due to the gentlemen who, at an enormous expense, purchased this engine and presented her to the City: they doubtless expected they were obtaining an article of excellent material and workmanship, perfect in all its varied and intricate machinery; and I doubt not they themselves will confess they were most egregiously deceived in the steam fire engine "Young America." The question is frequently asked, whether there is not at present a sufficient number of companies, and if it be not inexpedient to admit any more? In reply, I would say, that the more hose we can command at a fire, the quicker a large supply of water can be thrown on it; and as a matter of course, the greater amount of benefit

obtained. I would therefore recommend the admission of as many hose companies as are at present organized. I know it has been said, that if the department be enlarged by the admission of a greater number of companies, that it would be impossible to keep them in subjection. This is a mistake. My experience with the department is such as to convince me that its members are generally law-abiding and orderly citizens. There are times when, as in all other associations composed of a large body of men, an outside pressure will cause an outbreak; but if the Criminal Court would punish *severely*, would *imprison* and keep imprisoned for a considerable time, all those convicted of committing breaches of the peace during alarms of fire, a stop would soon be put to these disturbances. At present, every one arrested in case of an outbreak can, if he has a friend or two outside to interest themselves in his behalf, escape without punishment; and finding that, with the influence of his friends to sustain him, he can violate the law with impunity, he becomes more turbulent than before. Did these wranglers but find that outside influence was of no avail, but that arrest closely followed the offence, conviction the arrest, and *severe* punishment the conviction, quarrels among the firemen would cease, and the Fire Department become an honor and an ornament to the City.

I would respectfully suggest to the Committee of your honorable body, to whom are entrusted, the affairs of the Water Department, the propriety of having the fire plugs set higher. Many of them are so low that it is with great difficulty that hose can be attached to them, even while the mid-day sun is supplying the firemen with light; but when night comes on and the veil of darkness is upon the earth, the difficulty is so much enhanced as to become almost an impossibility. The mouths of the plugs are so very near the curb, that in many cases the firemen are compelled to cut the stone and tear away the brick-work around in order to set the hose, and in winter the water collected in the excavations around the plugs freezes. A case of emergency occurs—this ice must be cut away before

the plug can be taken, the hose attached and the head of water put into service. To do this promptly consumes a half hour or more. A plug having these inconveniences may be seen at the southeast corner of Walnut and Dock streets; another on the Washington Square pavement, in Locust street, near Sixth. This last has been put down but a few days. Were the plugs set somewhat higher, a large amount of labor and annoyance would be saved the firemen, and the public materially benefitted by the saving of time in getting the heads of water into service; the firemen being enabled to employ the time now occupied in forming an attachment in a much more profitable manner. I would respectfully request the early attention of your honorable bodies to this matter, and speedy action in the premises. It appears that a business is now made of stealing, or, to use a more polite term, of borrowing, the nuts from the fire plugs. They are probably sold as old brass, and I would suggest that if the Chief of the Water Department would offer a reward for the apprehension and conviction of any person or persons detected in removing the nuts from the plugs or purchasing said nuts, it would in all probability put a stop to this species of depredation, this nefarious traffic—the reward being offered operating as a preventative. I would also suggest the propriety of an alteration in the openings of the plugs, adjusting to them male screws to which to attach the hose. The present is a source of much annoyance, and not unfrequently of considerable delay in getting the companies into service, and also a source of expense to the different companies. The mouths of the present plugs being fitted with female instead of male screws, the hose companies cannot take the plugs unless provided with what are called “double males,” to put on the plug before they can attach the hose; for, though one end of the hose is provided with a male screw, it is necessary to have that next to the fire, to attach to the branch pipe, in case a plug stream is used, or to screw into the engine. Where the head of water is given to one of the fire compa-

nies, it is impossible to take the second plug without procuring a second double male, and it often happens that companies who have placed several of these indispensable screws in their back locker, find, when they come to look for them in order to take a second or third plug, that they have either been lost or stolen. Were all the plugs furnished with male instead of female screws, thus rendering the use of double males unnecessary, it would save much expense, and enable us often to get several good streams on the fire even before the engine companies arrive on the ground. The expense of this alteration, with caps to cover the screws in lieu of the present nuts, would be comparatively small.

There exists a great scarcity of plugs in the old city proper, as it is called, being the most closely built up and most densely populated portion of the consolidated city, and the property here is of much greater value than in other portions of the city—the old districts of Northern Liberties or Southwark, for instance—still, strange to say, the plugs in these sections are nearly two to one in comparison with the old city proper; and I would recommend at least two in each square. The idea that they would not work well—that one would weaken the other—is proved to be utterly erroneous by the action of the plugs in the upper and lower portions of the city, where there are two plugs in almost every square, and each one supplies an excellent head of water. I would suggest the necessity of placing immediately in the central portions of the city (better known as the old city proper), a number of plugs, so as to have them as well provided with water as the more sparsely populated districts. With the present small number of plugs they are *miserably* provided with the means of extinguishing fires, and these portions of the city, containing as they do by far the most valuable property in it, are now left comparatively at the mercy of the devouring element. While on this subject, I would call your attention to the fact of the *very* great deficiency of water in West Philadelphia. In one short half hour we have run all the

plugs dry. This matter demands *vigorous* and *immediate* action, and I sincerely trust your honorable bodies will give it that consideration its vital importance claims.

I would suggest that in case of fires occurring in lumber yards, the chief officer of police be instructed to order his men to assist in removing the lumber. The firemen, on these occasions, have so much other business to attend to that, unaided, they cannot effect the entire removal, and the police force appear unwilling to aid them, but actually refuse to do so.

I would suggest that it would be of much service in preventing fires if the insurance companies would insert in their policies a clause reserving to their agent the privilege of frequently examining the premises, in order to see if there was anything likely to produce a fire. At several fires large piles of coal ashes have been discovered in places well calculated to produce fire. If doing this vitiated the policy, and the agent had the right to examine, we would have fewer fires, in my opinion. Another cause of fires exists in the immense piles of shavings, &c., that are left ankle deep, at night, on the floors of carpenter and cabinet-maker shops, and which a single spark would light into a blaze. These they should be compelled to remove before closing the shop at night.

The ordinance re-organizing the Fire Department calls for a large alarm bell in each fire district. This section has not not been complied with. In the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Districts there are no bells. I would suggest their being immediately procured, and put up in the Seventh District. It is exceedingly necessary, as the firemen in that district have no means of alarm at all, and it is but rarely they can hear an alarm given in another district. I think your honorable bodies would do well to carry out the ordinance in this respect to the very letter, and give the firemen of each of the districts named (Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh) a large alarm bell,

The Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph, in spite of all the obstacles it has had to contend with, has

proved itself an invaluable adjunct to the department. Mr. Phillips has been indefatigable in his exertions to bring it as near perfection as possible, and deserves much credit for his efforts; and if he could arrange the affair to suit his own ideas, and select his own operators, I do not doubt that it would become doubly effective. The police are at present very reckless in giving alarms. The watchman on the beat on which a fire occurs fails to strike the nearest box, frequently strikes a box seven or eight squares from that nearest the fire, and not unfrequently the alarm is given from a box out of the district in which the fire occurs. This misleads the firemen, and delays them reaching the scene of conflagration. In one instance, lately, this very thing misled both myself and the companies of the Fourth District, and most of the companies were, in consequence, unable to reach the fire in time to be of service, and were censured in the public prints for it, when the truth of the matter was, they were misled by the alarm being given from the wrong box. I would suggest that the telegraph might be made a much more effective aid to the department if boxes were introduced into the houses of each of the companies composing the department, as the firemen, being interested in the matter, the alarms would be more promptly given and the boxes more promptly reported when out of order. The companies all desire to have boxes in their houses, and I am of opinion that the expense would be more than equalled by the amount of property saved in consequence of the early alarms the companies would then have. I would particularly and strenuously urge upon your honorable bodies the propriety, aye, the necessity of complying with this laudable desire of the companies. I would also suggest the good policy of placing a box in my house, so that I can arrive on the ground before any of the companies get into service, and arrange them around the fire to the best advantage. Without it many of the companies get into service before I can get the alarm and proceed to the fire, and it is a matter of no little difficulty to remove them. This would be

prevented if I had a box in my house, as, having an early alarm, I would get to the fire before they got into service, and could arrange them properly. I have felt the serious inconvenience of not having a box in my house at every fire I have attended, and I ask you to enable me better to conduct the affairs of the department entrusted to my care by placing a box in my house.

Section Eighth of the Ordinance requires the Chief of Police present to cause a cordon, to be formed around the fire ground, in order that the members of the department may not be interfered with in the discharge of their duties. This has not been complied with. The police bring no ropes with them to the fires; form no cordon, and the firemen are much more annoyed by the crowd, and the police appear to make no attempt to prevent it.

I would call the attention of Councils to the fact that several of our companies have what is called a combined apparatus; or to speak more plainly, the apparatus of two or more companies. To keep this apparatus in order, places them under a double expense, and as they are of infinite service to the department, it appears to me to be no more than just that they should be allowed a larger appropriation than those who are under a much smaller expense. An increased appropriation to those companies would encourage the spirit that induced them to procure extra apparatus, and stimulate them to greater exertions to merit your approbation. I trust this matter will receive from your honorable bodies that favorable consideration which its importance demands.

Suction Engines, of which they are now ten in the department, are extremely serviceable, from the fact that they are frequently able to supply themselves with water, when there is a scarcity of plugs or of hose, &c. These engines enable us to use the same water over and over again, as the water that leaks out of the hose and the water that has already been thrown on the fire and has fallen on the pave, all of which is collected in the gutters, can be taken up by the suction and forced again into the larger engines, or thrown upon

the fire by the suction. The one owned by the Vigilant Hose Company deserves especial notice. It has repeatedly been in service since the first of the year, and it has proved its value. It is very light, and therefore can be conveyed to fires with great rapidity, and a miniature affair through it really is, it astonished me to see the amount of service it would do, and the excellent stream it was able to keep on the fire while drawing its own supply of water. It would be a decided improvement if all the engines in the department had attached to them a suction apparatus.

There are other difficulties of even perhaps a more formidable nature than those before mentioned, with which the firemen have to contend. These difficulties are caused by the manner in which many of the houses and stores in the city are built. They are run up to such a height and the stairways are usually so narrow and so far back, that, in case of fire, it is the next thing to an impossibility to get at all close to the flames with a head of water. These stairways, in ninety-nine cases out of every hundred, are so narrow that but one person can pass up or down at a time. They are intended only to enable the persons employed about the establishment to get from story to story, the goods being hoisted through hatchways in the front part of the store. At the time fires generally occur, these hatches are, to use a nautical expression, battened down, and the only way the firemen have to get up with their water is by these narrow back stairways, which is an exceedingly difficult undertaking; as I before stated, almost an impossibility. Another serious difficulty is caused by the metallic roofing—the fire being unable to burst through the roof, gets a downward current, which drives the firemen back, and though metallic roofs may prevent fire taking place in that part of the building from a neighboring conflagration, they are in reality a slight protection, for the wood work around the doors and windows will almost invariably take fire, and the flames be carried into the interior of the building just as if the fire had originated within it; then the metallic roof preventing the flames

from breaking out in that direction, but giving them the downward current before mentioned, our firemen are forced to retreat and the walls frequently begin to crumble and fall before the roof is half burned, bringing it (the roof) down with them, and its falling thus is fraught with great danger, and not unfrequently results in the injury of some member of the department, sometimes in the loss of a limb, even life itself. I am happy to be able to state the department is now in most excellent working order, and never, since its first organization, has been in more serviceable condition, or more capable of performing its onerous and important duties. There appears to be an unanimity of action among the companies, and that spirit of opposition which, in times past, has proved so pregnant of evil and discord is happily forgotten, and the companies now cheerfully assist each other in contending against the devouring element; and to their praise I must state they have uniformly exhibited to myself and assistants the utmost courtesy, and that all my orders have been ever obeyed with an alacrity and promptness extremely creditable to the department.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL P. FEARON,

Chief Engineer Philadelphia Fire Department.

CHIEF ENGINEER'S QUARTERLY REPORT.

*To the Honorable the Members of the
Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia :*

GENTLEMEN:—Agreeably to the sixteenth section of the supplement to an ordinance approved January 30, 1855, entitled “An Ordinance to re-organize the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia,” I herewith transmit to your honorable bodies a list of the number of fires I have been present at during the quarter; also with the cause of absence from those that I did not attend.

Yours, very respectfully,

SAMUEL P. FEARON,

Chief Engineer of the Philadelphia Fire Department.

Sworn and subscribed before me, this seventeenth day of January, A. D., 1857.

WILLIAMS OGLE, *Alderman.*

Date.	Fires.	District.	Remarks.
1856.			
Oct. 1	Nos. 5 and 7 Lodge alley	2	Present
“ 5	Wood below Ninth	3	Conf'd to house by sickness
“ 5	Emeline street	1	“
“ 6	Norris above Clinton	4	“
“ 9	Clinton and Montgomery	4	“
“ 13	Northwest corner Char- lotte and Brown	4	“
“ 14	Washington below Fifth	4	“
“ 14	Gorgas and Wissahickon lanes	6	“
“ 14	Bristol turnpike, above Frankford	5	“
“ 16	Maylandville	7	Present
“ 17	Beech, Penn and Poplar	4	“
“ 19	Germantown, Main st.	6	No alarm from State House
“ 19	Fourth below South	1	Present
“ 20	Maiden above Beach	4	No alarm from State House
“ 22	Thirteenth and Carpenter	1	Present
“ 22	Fitzwater below Eighth	1	At above fire

Date.	Fires.	District.	Remarks.
1856.			
Oct. 22	Buttonwood bel. Fourth	3	No alarm from State House
" 24	Southwest corner Sixth and Washington Sq.	2	Present
" 25	Second above the Canal	1	"
" 25	Pratt below Spruce	1	"
" 28	Pine below Twentieth	1	Absent *
" 28	" " (same fire)	1	Present
" 30	No. 7½ North Front	2	"
Nov. 1	Prune below Sixth	2	"
" 1	Fifth and Adelphi	2	"
" 1	Schuyl. ab. Wire Bridge	7	"
" 3	Seventh, Marshall and Brown	4	"
" 5	Willow above Thirteenth	3	"
" 5	Ridge road and Eleventh	3	"
" 6	Willow below Twentieth	3	"
" 7	Plank road near Frankford,	5	No alarm from State House
" 7	Girard House	2	Present
" 14	Cherry between Sixteenth and Seventeenth	2	"
" 15	Sixth above Spruce	2	No alarm from State House
" 15	Market above Margaretta	7	"
" 15	No. 247 South Seventh	1	Present
" 15	Vine above Broad	3	"
" 16	Callowhill above Ninth	3	"
" 19	Second above Spruce	2	"
" 22	Main near Herman	6	No alarm from State House
" 22	Callowhill below Third	3	Present
" 22	Mary above Washington	7	At above fire
" 24	Ninth above Market	2	Present
" 24	Germantown road above Master	4	"

* Visiting the Union Fire Company, of Rising Sun, by order of the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

Date.	Fires.	District.	Remarks.
1856.			
Nov. 24	Ridge road, Falls Schuyl.	4	Absent *
" 26	Pine street, Frankford	5	No alarm from State House
" 28	Penn below South	1	Present
" 28	South below Second	1	"
" 28	Seventh below Market	2	"
" 29	Miles' alley above Tenth	2	"
" 30	Nos. 42 and 44 N. Second	2	"
" 30	Seventh above Market	2	"
Dec. 7	Frankford above Adams	5	No alarm from State House
" 8	Bustleton pike and Dark Run road	5	"
" 9	No. 38 Monroe	1	"
" 9	No. 81 North Front	2	Present
" 10	Lombard below Sixth	1	"
" 11	Cox, above Sixteenth	1	"
" 11	Fifth and Dickinson	1	"
" 12	George, between Mary and William	7	No alarm from State House
" 12	Spring Garden ab. Eighth	3	"
" 13	Twenty-first and Locust	2	Present
" 14	Olive below Broad	4	"
" 14	Marshall below Girard av.	4	At above fire
" 15	No. 8 Franklin place	2	Present
" 18	Northeast cor. Nineteenth and Spruce	2	"
" 18	Southeast cor. Eleventh and Little Washington	1	No alarm from State House
" 19	Southwest cor. Fifteenth and Market	2	Present
" 19	Ohio east of Twelfth	1	No alarm from State House
" 19	Schuylkill av. ab. Race	3	Present
" 19	Sixteenth and Filbert	2	At above fire

* Reached Glenwood Cemetery; then, learning the fire was out, returned.

Date.	Fires.	District.	Remarks.
1856.			
Dec. 20	No. 106 South Second	2	Present
" 20	No. 75 North Sixth	2	"
" 21	Northeast cor. Twenty-first and Pennsy'a av.	3	"
" 22	Wharton below Eighth	1	No alarm from State House
" 22	Raspberry al. ab. Spruce	2	Present
" 22	Edward below Second	4	At above fire
" 23	Till above Market	7	Present
" 23	Swanson ab. Washington	1	At fire, Seventh District
" 23	Lyndall's al. ab. Twelfth	2	Present
" 27	Eleventh and Brinton	3	"
" 29	Garden above Vine	3	"
" 31	Seventh and Germantown road	4	"
" 31	Elm near Richmond	4	"
" 31	Green below St. John	3	"

FIRST ASSISTANT ENGINEER'S QUARTERLY REPORT.

*To the Honorable the Members of the
Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia :*

GENTLEMEN:—Agreeably to the sixteenth section of the supplement to an ordinance approved January 30, 1855, entitled “An Ordinance to re-organize the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia,” I herewith transmit to your honorable bodies a list of the number of fires that I have been present at during the quarter; also with the cause of absence from those I did not attend.

Yours, very respectfully,

WILLIAM E. STANCLIFF,
Assistant Engineer of First Fire Division of the Philadelphia Fire Department.

Sworn and subscribed before me, this twentieth day of January, A. D., 1857.

WILLIAM OGLE, *Alderman.*

Date.	Fires.	District.	Remarks.
1856.			
Oct. 1	Nos. 5 and 7 Lodge alley	2	Present
“ 5	Wood below Ninth	3	No alarm from State House
“ 5	Emeline street	1	Present
“ 6	Norris above Clinton	4	
“ 9	Clinton and Montgomery	4	
“ 13	Northwest corner Charlotte and Brown	4	
“ 14	Washington below Fifth	1	Present
“ 14	Gorgas and Wissahickon lanes	6	
“ 14	Bristol turnpike, above Frankford	5	
“ 16	Maylandville	7	
“ 17	Beech, Penn and Poplar	4	Present
“ 19	Germantown and Main	6	No alarm from State House
“ 19	Fourth below South	1	Present
“ 20	Maiden above Beach	4	No alarm from State House

Date.	Fires.	District.	Remarks.
1856.			
Oct. 22	Fitzwater below Eighth	1	At above fire
" 22	Buttonwood bel. Fourth	3	No alarm from State House
" 24	Southwest cor. Sixth and Washington square	2	Present
" 25	Second above the Canal	1	"
" 25	Pratt below Spruce	1	"
" 28	Pine below Twentieth	1	"
" 28	" "	1	"
" 30	No. 7½ North Front	2	"
Nov. 1	Prune below Sixth	2	"
" 1	Fifth and Adelphi	2	"
" 1	Schuyl. ab. Wire Bridge	7	"
" 3	Seventh, Marshall and Brown	4	"
" 5	Willow above Thirteenth	3	"
" 5	Ridge road and Eleventh	3	"
" 6	Willow below Twentieth	3	"
" 7	Plank road, near Frank'd	5	No alarm from State House
" 7	Girard House	2	"
" 14	Cherry bet. Sixteenth and Seventeenth	2	"
" 15	Sixth above Spruce	2	Present
" 15	Market and Margaretta	7	No alarm from State House
" 15	No. 247 South Seventh	1	"
" 15	Vine above Broad	3	Present
" 16	Callowhill above Ninth	3	"
" 19	Second above Spruce	2	"
" 22	Main above Herman	6	No alarm from State House
" 22	Callowhill below Third	3	Present
" 22	Mary above Washington	7	At above fire
" 24	Ninth above Market	2	Present
" 24	Germantown road and Master	4	"
" 25	Ridge road, Falls Schuyl.	6	No alarm from State House

Date.	Fires.	District.	Remarks.
1856.			
Nov 22	Thirteenth and Carpenter	1	Present
" 26	Pine street, Frankford	5	No alarm from State House
" 28	Penn below South	1	Present
" 28	South below Second	1	"
" 28	Seventh below Market	2	"
" 29	Miles' alley above Tenth	2	"
" 30	Nos. 42 and 44 N. Second	2	"
" 30	Seventh below Market	2	"
Dec. 7	Frankford above Adams	5	No alarm from State House
" 8	Bustleton turnpike and Dark Run road	5	"
" 9	No. 38 Monroe	1	Present
" 9	No. 81 North Front	2	"
" 10	Lombard below Sixth	1	"
" 11	Cox between Sixteenth and Seventeenth	1	
" 11	Fifth and Dickinson	1	"
" 12	George, between Mary and William	7	No alarm from State House
" 12	Spring Garden ab. Eighth	3	"
" 13	Twenty-first and Locust	2	Present
" 14	Olive below Broad	4	"
" 14	Marshall below Girard av.	4	At above fire
" 15	No. 8 Franklin place	2	Present
" 18	Northeast cor. Nineteenth and Spruce	2	"
" 18	Southeast cor. Eleventh and Little Washington	1	"
" 19	Northwest cor. Fifteenth and Market	2	"
" 19	Ohio, east of Twelfth	1	"
" 19	Schuylkill av. ab. Race	3	"
" 19	Sixteenth above Filbert	2	At above fire
" 20	No. 106 South Second	2	Present
" 20	No. 75 North Sixth	2	"
" 21	Northeast cor. Pennsy'a av. and Twenty-first	3	"

Date.	Fires.	District.	Remarks.
1856.			
Dec. 22	Wharton below Eighth	1	Present
" 22	Raspberry al. ab. Spruce	2	"
" 22	Edward below Second	4	"
" 22	Till above Market	7	At above fire
" 23	Swanson ab. Washington	1	Present
" 23	Lydall's al. ab. Twelfth	2	At above fire
" 27	Eleventh and Brinton	3	Present
" 29	Garden above Vine	3	"
" 31	Seventh and Germantown		
	road	4	"
" 31	Elm, near Richmond	4	"
" 31	Green below St. John	3	"

SECOND ASSISTANT ENGINEER'S QUARTERLY REPORT.

To the Honorable the Members of the

Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN:—Agreeably to the sixteenth section of the supplement to an ordinance approved January 30, 1855, entitled "An Ordinance to re-organize the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia," I herewith transmit to your honorable bodies a list of the number of fires that I have been present at during the quarter; also with the cause of absence from those I did not attend.

Yours, very respectfully,

DAVID M. LYLE,

Assistant Engineer of the Second Fire Division of the Philadelphia Fire Department.

Sworn and subscribed before me, this twenty-second day of January, A. D., 1857.

WILLIAMS OGLE, *Alderman.*

Date, 1856.	Fires.	District.	Remarks.
Oct. 1	Nos. 5 and 7 Lodge alley	2	Present
" 5	Wood below Ninth	3	"
" 5	Emeline street	1	No alarm from State House
" 6	Norris above Clinton	4	Absent f'm city
" 9	Clinton and Montgomery	4	Present
" 13	Northwest cor. Charlotte and Brown	4	"
" 14	Washington below Fifth	1	No alarm from State House
" 14	Gorgas and Wissahickon lanes	6	"
" 14	Bristol turnpike above Frankford	5	"
" 16	Maylandville	7	Present
" 17	Beach, Penn and Poplar	4	"
" 19	Germantown, Main street	6	No alarm from State House
" 19	Fourth below South	1	Present
" 20	Maiden above Beach	4	Absent f'm city
" 22	Thirteenth and Carpenter	1	Present
" 22	Fitzwater below Eighth	1	At above fire
" 22	Buttonwood bel. Fourth	3	Present
" 24	Southwest cor. Sixth and Washington square	2	"
" 25	Second above the Canal	1	"
" 25	Pratt below Spruce	1	"
" 28	Pine below Twentieth	1	"
" 28	" "	1	"
" 30	No. 7½ North Front	2	"
Nov. 1	Prune below Sixth	2	"
" 1	Fifth and Adelphi	2	"
" 1	Schuyl., ab. Wire Bridge	7	"
" 3	Seventh, Marshall and Brown	4	"
" 5	Willow above Thirteenth	3	"
" 5	Ridge road and Eleventh	3	"
" 6	Willow below Twentieth	3	Sick
" 7	Plank road, Frankford	5	No alarm from State House

Date.	Fires.	District.	Remarks.
1856.			
Nov. 7	Girard House	2	Present
" 14	Cherry, bet. Sixteenth and Seventeenth	2	"
" 15	Sixth above Spruce	2	No alarm from State House
" 15	Market ab. Margaretta	7	"
" 15	No. 247 South Seventh	1	"
" 15	Vine above Broad	3	Present
" 16	Callowhill above Ninth	3	"
" 19	Second above Spruce	2	"
" 22	Main near Herman	6	No alarm from State House
" 22	Callowhill below Third	3	Present
" 22	Mary above Washington	7	At above fire
" 24	Ninth above Market	2	Present
" 24	Germantown road and Master	4	"
" 25	Ridge road, below Falls Schuylkill	6	"
" 26	Pine street, Frankford	5	No alarm from State House
" 28	Penn below South	1	"
" 28	South below Second	1	Absent f'm city
" 28	Seventh below Market	2	Present
" 29	Miles' alley above Tenth	2	"
" 30	Nos. 42 and 44 N. Second	2	"
" 30	Seventh above Market	2	"
Dec. 7	Frankford above Adams	5	No alarm from State House
" 8	Bustleton pike and Dark Run road	5	"
" 9	No. 38 Monroe	1	"
" 9	No. 81 North Front	2	Present
" 10	Lombard below Sixth	1	Not alarmed
" 11	Cox, above Sixteenth	1	Present
" 11	Fifth and Dickinson	1	"
" 12	George, between Mary and William	7	No alarm from State House

Date. 1856.	Fires.	District.	Remarks.
Dec. 12	Spring Garden ab. Eighth	3	No alarm from State House
" 13	Twenty-first and Locust	2	Present
" 14	Olive below Broad	4	"
" 14	Marshall below Girard av.	4	At above fire
" 15	No. 8 Franklin place	2	Not alarmed
" 18	Northeast cor. Nineteenth and Spruce	2	Absent f'm city
" 18	Southeast cor. Eleventh and Little Washington	1	"
" 19	Southwest cor. Fifteenth and Market	2	"
" 19	Ohio east of Twelfth	1	"
" 19	Schuylkill av. ab. Race	3	"
" 19	Sixteenth and Filbert	2	"
" 20	No. 106 South Second	2	"
" 20	No. 75 North Sixth	2	Present
" 21	Northeast cor. Twenty- first and Pennsy'a av.	3	"
" 22	Wharton below Eighth	1	No alarm from State House
" 22	Raspberry al. ab. Spruce	2	Present
" 22	Edward below Second	4	"
" 23	Till above Market	7	At above fire
" 23	Swanson ab. Washington	1	At fire, Fourth District
" 23	Lyndall's al. ab. Twelfth	2	Present
" 27	Eleventh and Brinton	3	"
" 29	Garden above Vine	3	"
" 31	Seventh and Germantown road	4	"
" 31	Elm near Richmond	4	"
" 31	Green below St. John	3	"

THIRD ASSISTANT ENGINEER'S QUARTERLY REPORT.

*To the Honorable the Members of the
Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia:*

GENTLEMEN:—Agreeably to the sixteenth section of the supplement to an ordinance approved January 30, 1855, entitled “An Ordinance to re-organize the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia,” I herewith transmit to your honorable bodies a list of the number of fires that I have been present at during the quarter, and with the cause of absence from those that I did not attend.

Yours, very respectfully,

W. H. LOUGHEAD,

Assistant Engineer of the Third Fire Division of the Philadelphia Fire Department.

Sworn and subscribed before me this twentieth day of January, A. D. 1857.

WILLIAMS OGLE,
Alderman.

Date. 1856.	Fires.	District.	Remarks.
Oct. 14	Bristol turnpike above Frankford	5	Sick
“ 17	Beach, Penn and Poplar streets	4	Present
Nov. 7	Plank R., near Frankford	5	“
“ 10	Frankford and Adams	5	“
“ 25	Pine near Frankford	5	“
Dec. 7	Frankford st.ab.Adams	5	“
“ 8	Bustleton pike and Dark Run road	5	“
“ 25	Trenton R. R. bridge	5	“

FOURTH ASSISTANT ENGINEER'S QUARTERLY REPORT.

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Yours, very respectfully,

MICHAEL YOUNG,

Assistant Engineer of the Fourth Fire Division of the Philadelphia Fire Department.

Sworn and subscribed before me this twentieth of January, A. D. 1857.

WILLIAMS OGLE, *Alderman.*

Date.	Fires.	District.	Remarks.
1856.			
Oct. 9	Clinton and Montgo- mery	4	Present
“ 14	Gorgas and Wissahick- on lane	6	“
“ 19	Germantown avenue	6	“
Nov. 22	Main st. near Herman	6	“
“ 24	9th above Market st.	2	“
“ 25	Ridge road near Falls	6	“

FIFTH ASSISTANT ENGINEER'S QUARTERLY REPORT.

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of fires that I have been present at during the quarter ;
also with the cause of absence from those that I did
not attend.

Yours, very respectfully,

JOHN GIVEN,

*Assistant Engineer of the Fifth Fire Division of the Phila-
delphia Fire Department.*

Sworn and subscribed before me this twentieth day
of January, A. D. 1857.

WILLIAMS OGLE, *Alderman.*

Date.	Fires.	District.	Remarks.
1856.			
Oct. 16	Maylandville	7	Present
" 17	Beach and Poplar	4	"
" 22	Thirteenth and Car- penter	1	"
" 22	Fitzwater bel. Eighth	1	At above fire
" 25	Pratt bel. Spruce	1	Present
Nov. 1	Prune st. below Sixth	2	"
" 1	Fifth and Adelphi sts.	2	"
" 1	Schuylkill above Wire Bridge	7	"
" 6	Willow bel. Twentieth	3	"
" 15	Market ab. Margaretta	7	"
" 16	Callowhill ab. Ninth	3	"
" 22	Callowhill bel. Third	3	"
" 22	Mary ab. Washington	7	"
" 24	Ninth above Market	2	"
" 28	West side of Seventh below Market	2	"
" 29	Miles' alley ab. Tenth	2	"
" 30	Seventh below Market	2	"
Dec. 11	Cox st. bet. Sixteenth and Seventeenth	1	"
" 12	George st. bet. Mary and William	7	"
" 19	Schuylkill av. ab. Race	3	"
" 20	No. 75 N. Sixth	2	"
" 23	Till above Market	7	"
" 23	Lyndall's al. ab. Twelfth	2	"
" 31	Green bel. St. John	3	"

Philadelphia Fire Department.

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Good Intent Engine, Jacob Moyer, Queen and Frankford Road.

Good Intent Hose, C. Charman, 93 Lombard.

Globe Engine, George Hartman, 122 Germantown R.

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Hibernia Engine, Daniel J. Carlin, Marriot ab. 6th.

Humane Engine, J. M. Melloy, 291 Market.

Humane Hose, B. L. Heppard, 1 Smith's Court, Front above Arch.

Hand-in-Hand Engine, William Paul, 222 Shippen.

Hope Engine, J. S. Whetstone, 355 S. Second.

Hope Hose, A. J. Gilbert, 211 South Second.

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Liberty Engine, George S. Fox, Holmesburg.

Manayunk Engine, James Shaw, Manayunk.

Marion Hose, William R. Beattes, Queen bel. 5th.

Mechanic Engine, George Wagner, 12 Charlotte.

Mantua Hook and Ladder Company, J. M. DuShane, Haverford Road and Lancaster Av.

Monroe Engine, F. J. Sorber, Blockley.
 Mount Airy Engine, Albert G. Guyer, Mt. Airy.
 Neptune Hose, F. N. Wharton, 45 Olive st.
 Nicetown Hose, J. M. Freed, Nicetown.
 Northern Liberty Engine, Thomas Brooks, 25 Green.
 Niagara Hose, John Carron, 362 Spruce.
 Pennsylvania Hose, Edward N. Creighton, Tenth
 near Thompson.

Perseverance Hose, William A. Thorp, 69 Race.
 Phoenix Hose, F. S. Lewis, 135 S. Front.
 Philadelphia Hose, C. Tiers Myers, 502 Chestnut.
 Philadelphia Engine, Charles B. Duncan, 643 Mar-
 ket street.

Protection Hook and Ladder Company, R. C. Mil-
 ler, Beach street, opposite Iron Works.

Robert Morris Hose, H. L. Sinexon, 231 Chestnut.
 Reliance Engine, L. S. Cairl, 270 Arch.
 Rescue Hook and Ladder, J. Garside, Frankford.
 Ringgold Hose, E. W. Reed, S. W. corner of Fifth
 and Franklin.

Southwark Hose, William M. Carteret, 86 Walnut.
 Southwark Engine, C. P. Bayard, 3d ab. Christian.
 Schuylkill Hose, William A. Rolin, N. E. corner of
 Eighth and Market.

Shiffler Hose, E. C. Heppard, 45 Redwood.
 Spring Garden Engine, Thomas Lindsay, 16 Winter
 street, between 20th and 21st.

South Penn Hose, Robert Creighton, Tenth below
 Thompson.

Taylor Hose, James Glenn, N. E. corner of Second
 and Oxford.

United States Engine, James M. Benners, 27 South
 Front.

United States Hose, William Little, 71 Noble.
 Vigilant Engine, Theo. Wilson, Tenth below Green,
 East side.

Vigilant Hose, Charles F. Crap, 607 South Ninth.
 Union Hose, B. R. Miller, 86 Walnut.
 Washington Engine, Thomas Forbes, Auburn above
 Ninth.

Washington Hose, Hiram Stimmel, 191 Chestnut.

Weccacoe Engine, M. Sandgram, 4 Beek's Place.

Western Engine, George Downey, 12 Marsellis Place.

Western Hose, Henry Baker, 474 Locust.

Warren Hose, William Frederick, 553 Chestnut.

William Penn Hose, J. G. Clothier, Dutton street above Otter.

West Philadelphia Engine, John Sturges, Jr., West Philadelphia.

West Philadelphia Hose, Edwin Lyster, corner of Pine and Warren, 24th Ward.

Washington Engine of Germantown, J. S. Rittenhouse, Germantown.

Washington Engine of Frankford, T. T. Holme, Frankford.

Wissahickon Engine, Nicholas Rittenhouse, Germantown.

RIGHTS OF THE BOARD AND DUTIES OF COMPANIES.

Powers of the Board of Directors of the Fire Department.

SECTION 1. The powers of this association shall be vested in a board composed of one director from each company in the fire department.

SECTION 2. To make such arrangements with the proper authorities in regard to the fire-plugs and ringing the alarm bells as may be deemed expedient.

SECTION 3. It shall be the duty of the President to take the question on all motions before the board, to enforce the laws, sign all drafts on the Presidents of the respective companies for fines, &c., which shall be honored at sight, and to confirm by his signature all acts of the board requiring publicity.

SECTION 4. It shall defend the companies from all encroachments on their rights, and shall take cognizance of every attempt to injure the property of companies going to or returning from a fire or alarm thereof.

Rights and Duties of Companies.

SECTION 1. Each company shall be entitled to the exclusive use of any badge of distinction it has adopted for the use of its members.

SECTION 2. Each company shall be under the control of its chief director at a fire, subject to the order of the Chief or Assistant Engineers of the department.

SECTION 3. All unnecessary noise or confusion in time of fire shall be avoided, and companies shall accommodate one another as much as possible with water, hose, &c., and every thing done to create a good and friendly feeling in the department.

SECTION 4. Bells of hose carriages shall not be muffled in going to a fire, but in all cases muffled when returning.

SECTION 5. Hose carriages, trucks, or tenders shall not be run close into a fire, so as to interfere with the duties of the firemen on the ground.

SECTION 6. Hose companies shall, as far as possible, supply each engine as it arrives with at least two attachments, so that the members will be ready to go into immediate service, without leaving their apparatus to look for water.

SECTION 7. The company whose hose first arrives at a plug and carries out the attachment, shall have the control of the same. But no company shall be permitted to take a second plug until the line from the first has been led to the fire, and in case of a company making an attachment without having sufficient hose under its immediate control to carry it out, shall have control of the plug; any other company having hose may connect therewith and have the disposition of the water; and no company shall detain water from an engine actually on the ground, in order to give it to one that shall not have arrived.

SECTION 8. To prevent collision between firemen, it is adopted as a rule that, where two companies shall approximate to each other in going to or returning from a fire or an alarm thereof, the foremost shall invariably keep to the right hand of the street, and the

hindermost to the left, and in case either of them shall run into or otherwise obstruct the other in passing, the company committing such outrage, or any company who shall be guilty of rioting or fighting in the public streets, shall pay a fine of twenty dollars for the first offence, thirty dollars for the second, and fifty dollars for the third, in addition to the liability to the other company for any damage done to the apparatus.

SECTION 9. At stated meetings in September, December, March and June, the President shall appoint a committee of seven members to be styled the acting committee, who shall be authorized to receive complaints for breaches of any of these rules, or violations of the ordinance; and it shall be their duty, as early as practicable after a complaint has been made, to give attention thereto, and in case a charge shall be sustained before them, they shall report to the board as to the guilt or innocence of the parties, and a majority sustaining their decision, it shall be conclusive.

SECTION 10. The station of the Chief Engineer, or, in his absence, the acting engineer, shall be in front of the fire, and firemen shall obey all orders issued by the Chief or Assistant promptly and without hesitation.

BY-LAWS.

SECTION 1. Stated meetings of the board shall be held on the fourth Monday in each month.

SECTION 2. The President shall convene special meetings at the request of any five companies' delegates.

SECTION 3. Twenty of the Board of Directors assembled at the time and place of meeting, shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 4. The directors shall be chosen by their respective companies, and shall serve for one year from the first stated meeting in the month of June, unless they resign or are re-called by their companies.

SECTION 5. No company shall be entitled to a representation in this board unless they shall have been accepted by Councils, and no engineer shall be entitled to hold the office of Director.

SECTION 6. The Chief and Assistant Engineers shall be at liberty at all times to attend the meetings of the board, but shall not be entitled to a vote.

SECTION 7. The order of business in the meetings of the directors shall be : first, the organization of every new board, the reading of certificates of membership by the Secretary, and, in case of his absence, by a person appointed for that purpose ; secondly, the election, by ballot, of a President, two Vice Presidents and Treasurer, who shall hold their office for one year, if they shall so long behave themselves well. In case of vacancy, the place or places shall be filled by a new appointment.

SECTION 8. If the President and Vice Presidents shall be absent from any of the meetings, a Chairman may be appointed to preside.

SECTION 9. After the election of officers, the roll shall be called and the names of the absentees noted, and the board will proceed to transact business in the following order:

1st—To read the minutes of the preceding meeting and have them amended if necessary.

2d—To consider reports of Committees.

3d—Deferred business.

4th—New business.

SECTION 10. At special meetings the business shall be transacted for which the meeting shall have been convened, after which any other business may be considered.

SECTION 11. The President shall preside at the meetings, preserve order therein, and draw orders on the Treasurer, which may be authorized by the board. He shall preserve an account thereof in a book kept for that purpose, and take receipts for the same amounts.

SECTION 12. The Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President in his absence.

SECTION 13. The Secretary shall keep correct minutes of the board, countersign all orders drawn on the Treasurer, and notify the directors of the time and place of meeting ; he shall keep a correct account of the fines that may be imposed, and hand the names of the delinquents and the amount to the Treasurer.

SECTION 14. The Treasurer shall give such security as the board may determine, and shall receive the money appropriated to the directors and keep a correct account thereof, and likewise of the sums paid on the orders of the President, countersigned by the Secretary.

SECTION 15. Any director who may absent himself from a meeting shall be fined twenty-five cents for every such neglect of duty, which shall be paid to the Treasurer to defray the expenses authorized by the board. Sickness and absence from the city of Philadelphia, and no other, shall be deemed a good and sufficient excuse for non-attendance at any meetings of the board.

SECTION 16. Any director who neglects to attend at three successive meetings shall be reported to the company which he represents.

SECTION 17. Resignations of directors must be made to the board, and the companies they represent shall be notified thereof.

SECTION 18. The officers shall each deliver over the books, papers and other property of the board to their successors in office.

Hibernia Engine Company.

Instituted February 20, 1752. Located York street, below Third. Performs duty in First, Second, Third and Seventh Districts.

President, R. Sterling Wilson, No. 65 Dock street, Painter.

Secretary, John R. Downing, No. 287 Market street, Book-keeper.

Director, Daniel S. Carlin, Marriot, above Sixth street, Lithographer.

Number of Members: Active, 35; Honorary, 106; Contributing, 40.

Apparatus consists as follows: One second-class Engine, in good condition, one two-wheeled Tender, and seven hundred and fifty feet of hose, all of which is good.

Hand-in-Hand Engine Company.

Instituted ———, ———. Located east side of Ninth, above Poplar street. Performs duty in the Third, Fourth, Fifth and Seventh Districts.

President, Jacob C. Hess, No. 285 north Second street, Stove Manufacturer.

Secretary, George W. Mahan, Olive above Tenth street, Bricklayer.

Director, William Paul, Shippen above Sixth street, Oak Cooper.

Number of Members: Active, 30; Honorary, 69; Contributing, 23.

Apparatus: One second-class Engine, in good order, one four-wheeled Hose Carriage, in good order.

Northern Liberty Engine Company.

Instituted May 1, 1756. Located on the west side of Front street, below Green. Performs duty in the Second, Third, Fourth and Seventh Districts.

President, John Landell, Queen and Shackamaxon streets, Lumber Merchant.

Secretary, Samuel B. Savin, 135 south Fourth, near Pine street, Gentleman.

Director, Thomas Brooks, 25 Green street, Carpenter.

Number of Members: Active, 24; Honorary, 58; Contributing, 91.

Apparatus: One second-class Engine, in good order, one four-wheeled Carriage and eight hundred feet of hose, all of which is in good order.

Vigilant Engine Company.

Instituted January 2, 1760. Location, Race, below Second street. Performs duty in the Second, Third, Fourth and Seventh Districts.

President, George W. Tryon, Ridge Avenue above College, Gentleman.

Secretary, Henry H. Hodges, No. 46 Wistar street, Coachmaker.

Director, Theodore Wilson, Tenth below Green,
Book-keeper.

Number of Members: Active, 56; Honorary, 64;
Contributing, 70.

Apparatus: One second-class Engine, in good order,
one two-wheeled Tender, in good order, with three
hundred and fifty feet of good hose, and three hun-
dred feet of bad hose.

Delaware Engine Company.

Instituted March 21, 1761. Location, S. W. corner
of Twentieth and Harrison streets. Performs duty in
First, Second and Third Districts.

President, Samuel S. Stone, German street, below
Fourth, Tinsmith.

Secretary, James Metcalf, 199 south Twentieth St.,
Printer.

Director, Samuel S. Stone, German street, below
Fourth, Tinsmith.

Number of Members: Active, 32; Honorary, 8;
Contributing, 1.

Apparatus: One first-class Engine, in good order,
with three hundred and fifty feet of hose, all of which
is good.

Washington Engine Company of Germantown.

Instituted March 4, 1764. Performs duty in the
Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Districts.

President, Charles B. Engle, Main street, Farmer.

Secretary, J. S. Rittenhouse, corner of Main and
Rittenhouse street, Storekeeper.

Director, J. S. Rittenhouse, corner of Main and
Rittenhouse streets, Storekeeper.

Number of Members: Active, 38; Honorary, none;
Contributing, 2.

Apparatus: One second-class Engine, in good order,
one four-wheeled Carriage, seven hundred feet of hose,
sixty feet of ladders and two hooks, all of which are
in good condition.

Franklin Engine Company of Germantown.

Instituted 1764. Located on Germantown Avenue, above Franklin street. Performs duty in the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Districts.

President, Wm. W. Hamma, Germantown Avenue, Storekeeper.

Secretary, Charles Grant, Wissahickon street, Weaver.

Director, Wm. Swem, Germantown Avenue, Paper Carrier.

Number of Members: Active, 34; Honorary, 18; Contributing, 10.

Apparatus: One second-class Engine, in good order, and three hundred feet of hose—also good.

Reliance Engine Company.

Instituted 1786. Located New street, near Second. Performs duty in Second, Third, Fourth and Seventh Districts.

President, Loudin S. Cairl, 29 Vernon street, Piano Manufacturer.

Secretary, Alfred C. Stubb, 764 Chestnut street, Book-keeper.

Director, Loudin S. Cairl, 29 Vernon street, Piano Manufacturer.

Number of Members: Active, 15; Honorary, 47; Contributing, 13.

Apparatus: One second-class Engine, in good order; one four-wheeled Hose carriage, in good order; six hundred feet of good hose.

Assistance Fire Company.

Instituted December 28, 1789. Located Crown St., near Vine. Performs duty in Second, Third, Fourth and Seventh Districts.

President, Daniel R. Murphy, Market street, between Seventh and Eighth streets, Tinsmith.

Secretary, Thomas Durriel, No. 308 Race street, below Ninth, Silversmith.

Director, John Webb, S. E. corner of Sixth and Race streets, Accountant.

Number of Members: Active, 30; Honorary, 31; Contributing, 10.

Apparatus: One first-class Engine, one four-wheeled Carriage, both in good condition, and five hundred feet of new hose.

America Engine Company.

Instituted April 10, 1790. Located Buttonwood st. below Third. Performs duty in the Second, Third, Fourth and Seventh Districts.

President, Robert P. Bender, Crown below Green, Carpenter.

Secretary, Thomas T. Moore, S. W. corner of Shackamaxon and Franklin streets, Carpenter.

Director, John Lovatt, Third street above Buttonwood, Daguerreotypist.

Number of Members: Active, 26; Honorary, 49; Contributing, 47.

Apparatus: One second-class Engine, in good condition; one two-wheeled Tender, in good order; four hundred feet of good hose, one hundred feet of hose bad.

Diligent Engine Company.

Instituted July 4, 1791. Location, S. W. corner of Tenth and Filbert. Performs duty in First, Second, Third and Seventh Districts.

President, Edmund A. Souder, No. 65 Spruce st., Merchant.

Secretary, Andrew J. Baker, 372 South, Coal Dealer.

Director, James H. Snethen, No. 289 Market street, Liquor Dealer.

Number of Members: Active, 52; Honorary, 88; Contributing, 116.

Apparatus: One first-class Engine, one second-class Engine—both in good condition; one two-wheeled Tender, in good order; seven hundred and fifty feet of good hose, two hundred feet of bad hose.

Franklin Engine Company.

Instituted January 17, 1792. Location, Catharine street above Third, north side. Performs duty in First, Second and Third Districts.

President, S. D. Breece, Washington street above Ninth, Coal Merchant.

Secretary, John R. Cantlin, No. 54 Monroe street, Painter.

Director, P. J. Desmond, No. 289 Market street, Umbrella Maker.

Number of Members: Active, 26; Honorary, 60; Contributing, 18.

Apparatus: One second-class Engine, in the hands of builder, with three hundred and seventy-five feet of good hose.

Washington Engine Company (of Frankford).

Instituted 1793. Location, Frankford street, between Sellers and Oxford sts. Performs duty in Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Districts.

President, John G. Teese, Frankford street, Farmer.

Secretary, John S. Rose, No. 121 Frankford street, Collector.

Director, Thomas Castor, No. 216 Frankford street, Wheelwright.

Number of Members: Active, 44; Honorary, 1; Contributing, 18.

Apparatus: One double suction Engine, in good order; one four-wheeled Hose Carriage, in good order; eight hundred and fifty feet of good hose, thirty feet of ladders and four hooks.

Humane Engine Company.

Instituted 1794. Location, St. John and Callowhill streets. Performs duty in the Second, Third, Fourth and Seventh Districts.

President, William H. Souder, Ogden above Twelfth, Accountant.

Secretary, John Allen, No. 161 North Second street, Merchant.

Director, J. M. Melloy, Eighth and Thompson, Merchant.

Number of Members: Active, 29; Honorary, 37; Contributing, 46.

Apparatus: One second-class Engine, in good condition; one two-wheeled Tender, in good order, with six hundred and fifty feet of good hose.

Washington Engine Company.

Instituted January 3, 1796. Location, Lombard st. below Eleventh. Performs duty in First, Second and Third Districts.

President, William Watt, No. 818 Pine street, Manufacturer.

Secretary, William Haight, Blight street above Lombard, Painter.

Director, Thomas Forbes, Auburn above Ninth, Painter.

Number of Members: Active, 30; Honorary, 76; Contributing, 25.

Apparatus: One second-class Engine, in good condition, with six hundred feet of good hose.

Friendship Fire Company.

Instituted August 18, 1796. Located Brown street below Third. Performs duty in the Third, Fourth, Fifth and Seventh Districts.

President, Lewis S. Rush, No. 185 Brown street, Clerk.

Secretary, James R. Taylor, No. 11 Buttonwood st., Sail Maker.

Director, Lewis S. Rush, No. 185 Brown st., Clerk.

Number of Members: Active, 26; Honorary, 22; Contributing, 68.

Apparatus: One second-class Engine, in good order; one two-wheeled Tender, in good order; six hundred feet of good hose and five hundred feet of hose in bad condition.

Secretary, John Patterson, George above Sixteenth street, Store-tender.

Director, Charles B. Duncan, Market street above Eighteenth, Carpenter.

Number of Members: Active, 31; Honorary, 20; Contributing, 12.

Apparatus: One second-class Engine, in good condition; one four-wheeled Hose Carriage and one two-wheeled Tender, both in good order; five hundred feet of hose in tolerable order, and one hundred and fifty feet of new hose.

Weccacoe Engine Company.

Instituted May 1, 1800. Located Queen street below Second. Performs duty in the First, Second and Third Districts.

President, Joseph R. Lindell, 345 South Second street, Blind Maker.

Secretary, George W. Martin, 54 Jefferson avenue, Clerk.

Director, M. Sandgram, 4 Beck's place, Plumber.

Number of Members: Active, 57; Honorary, 88; Contributing, 147.

Apparatus: One second-class Engine; one four-wheeled Hose Carriage; one Truck—all in good condition; twelve hundred feet of good hose; seventy-five feet of ladders, three hooks and four axes, also in good order.

Good Will Engine Company.

Instituted March 20, 1802. Location, Race street near Broad. Performs duty in the First, Second, Third and Seventh Districts.

President, William J. Pascoe, Race street above Fifteenth, Plasterer.

Secretary, Lewis S. Heins, 241 South Twentieth street, Plumber.

Director, John F. Randolph, corner of Perry and Lambert, Carpenter.

Columbia Engine Company.

Instituted September 16, 1796. Location, Filbert above Eleventh street. Performs duty in First, Second, Third and Seventh Districts.

President, Charles Simon, Ninth above Callowhill, Carpenter.

Secretary, A. W. Auner, S. W. corner of Tenth and Race, Painter.

Director, William E. Yeager, Second below Pine st., Brush Manufacturer.

Number of Members: Active, 14; Honorary, 44; Contributing, 25.

Apparatus: One second-class Engine, in good order; one two-wheeled Tender, in good order—with three hundred and fifty feet of good hose.

Hope Engine Company.

Instituted November 11, 1796. Located Sixth above Fitzwater street. Performs duty in the First, Second and Third Districts.

President, Thomas Martin, Second below Dock, Hatter.

Secretary, John P. Ahern, southwest corner Fifth and Spruce, Packer.

Director, John S. Whetsone, Sixth street below Christian, Plasterer.

Number of Members: Active, 18; Honorary, 45; Contributing, 25.

Apparatus: One second-class Engine, in good order; one four-wheeled Carriage, in good order, with four hundred feet of good hose, and two hundred feet of bad hose.

Philadelphia Engine Company.

Instituted January 25, 1799. Located Seventeenth below Chestnut street. Performs duty in the First, Second, Third and Seventh Districts.

President, Thomas L. Bigelow, Coates above Thirteenth street, Carpenter.

Number of Members : Active, 39 ; Honorary, 84 ; Contributing, 16.

Apparatus: One second-class Engine, in good order ; one two-wheeled Tender, in good order ; seven hundred feet of good hose.

Decatur Engine Company.

Instituted February 11, 1803. Location, Church street. Performs duty in the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Districts.

President, John Deal, Frankford street, Postmaster.

Secretary, R. T. Corson, Frankford street, Engraver.

Director, Henry C. Pratt, Frankford, Gentleman.

Number of Members: Active, 42 ; Honorary, 0 ; Contributing, 0.

Apparatus: One Suction Engine (new), in good order ; one four-wheeled Hose Carriage, in good order ; and nine hundred and fifty feet of good hose.

Philadelphia Hose Company.

Instituted December 15, 1803. Location, Seventh and Farmer streets. Performs duty in the First, Second, Third and Seventh Districts.

President, George W. Briggs, 7 Gebhard street, Accountant.

Secretary, Edwin F. Miller, 32 South Fifth street, Conveyancer.

Director, C. Tiers Myers, 502 Chestnut street, Merchant.

Number of Members: Active, 19 ; Honorary, 73 ; Contributing, 100.

Apparatus: Two four-wheeled Hose Carriages, both in good order, and thirteen hundred feet of good hose.

Mount Airy Fire Company.

Instituted February 9, 1804. Located on Miller street, Mount Airy. Performs duty in the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Districts.

President, Albert G. Guyer, Mount Airy, Merchant.
 Secretary, Jacob H. Smith, Mount Airy, Tobacco-
 nist.

Director, Albert G. Guyer, Mount Airy, Merchant.
 Number of Members: Active, 30; Honorary, 20;
 Contributing, 12.

Apparatus: One second-class Engine; one Truck;
 both in good condition; with one hundred feet of good
 hose, and one hundred feet of ladders.

Good Intent Hose Company.

Instituted March 8, 1804. Location, Prune above
 Fourth. Performs duty in the First, Second, Third
 and Seventh Districts.

President, J. Bayne, Bookbinder.
 Secretary, B. B. Marston, Jr., 31 Spring Garden
 street, Frame-maker.

Director, C. Charman, 93 Lombard street, Last
 Turner.

Number of Members: Active, 25; Honorary, 150;
 Contributing, 75.

Apparatus: Two four-wheeled Hose Carriages, in
 good order, with eight hundred feet of good hose, and
 four hundred feet in bad condition.

Humane Hose Company.

Instituted April 10, 1805. Located Wood street
 below Third. Performs duty in the Second, Third,
 Fourth and Seventh Districts.

President, Charles R. Bicking, No. 281 north Eighth
 street, Printer.

Secretary, John K. Parker, No. 3 Maria street, Ac-
 countant.

Director, Benjamin L. Heppard, Smith's Court,
 Front, above Arch street, Jeweller.

Number of Members; Active, 9; Honorary, 43;
 Contributing, 28.

Apparatus: One four-wheeled Hose Carriage, in
 good order, with nine hundred and fifty feet of good
 hose.

Perseverance Hose Company.

Instituted May 27, 1805. Location, Quarry street below Third. Performs duty in the First, Second, Third and Seventh Districts.

President, Peter Fritz, No. 214 Race street, Marble Mason.

Secretary, John G. Butler, No. 69 Race street, Tobacconist.

Director, William A. Thorp, No. 69 Race street, Inn-keeper.

Number of Members: Active, 18; Honorary, 47; Contributing, 32.

Apparatus: Two four-wheeled Hose Carriages, in good order, with fifteen hundred feet of good hose.

Neptune Hose Company.

Instituted August 6, 1805. Location, No. 38 Crown street. Performs duty in the Second, Third, Fourth and Seventh Districts.

President, Robert B. Quayle, Walnut street, east of Eleventh, Clerk.

Secretary, A. J. Bossert, No. 78 Garden street, Clerk.

Director, F. N. Wharton, No. 45 Olive street, Paper Hanger.

Number of Members: Active, 12; Honorary, 97; Contributing, 26.

Apparatus: One four-wheeled Hose Carriage, in good order, and one four-wheeled Carriage not in good order, with one thousand feet of good hose.

Hope Hose Company.

Instituted August 17, 1805. Located No. 34 Union street, east of Second. Performs duty in the First, Second and Third Districts.

President, Peter Williamson, Pine above Eighth street, Gentleman.

Secretary, Jacob G. Maxwell, Jr., Nineteenth above Arch street, Clerk.

Director, Andrew J. Gilbert, No. 211 south Second street, Inn-keeper.

Number of Members: Active, 20; Honorary, 98; Contributing, 99.

Apparatus: One four-wheeled Hose Carriage, in good order, with eight hundred feet of hose, all of which is good.

Southwark Hose Company.

Instituted May 6, 1806. Location, Second and South streets. Performs duty in the First, Second and Third Districts.

President, Wm. M. Carteret, southeast corner of Passayunk Road and Jane street, Broker.

Secretary, John H. Yarnall, No. 232 Spruce street above Sixth, Clerk.

Director, Wm. M. Carteret, southeast corner of Passayunk Road and Jane street, Broker.

Number of Members: Active, 9; Honorary, 91; Contributing, 109.

Apparatus: Two four-wheeled Hose Carriages, both in good order, with one thousand feet of good hose.

Columbia Engine Company of Germantown.

Instituted March 6, 1809. Located Wistar street, below Germantown Avenue. Performs duty in the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Districts.

President, William H. Cox, Main and Manheim streets, Inn-keeper.

Secretary, John S. Sutton, Miller street, Carpenter.

Number of Members: Active, 64; Contributing, 3.

Apparatus: One second-class Engine, in good order; one four-wheeled Hose Carriage, in good order, with six hundred and fifty feet of good and sixty feet of bad hose.

Washington Hose Company.

Instituted February 22, 1811. Location, Ninth street, above Filbert. Performs duty in the First, Second, Third and Seventh Districts.

President, Wm. B. Schneider, Masonic Hall, Gentleman.

Secretary, Joseph J. Ryan, No. 22 Castle street, Gentleman.

Director, Hiram Steinmel, No. 259 Juniper street, Salesman.

Number of Members : Active, 15 ; Honorary, 52 ; Contributing, 12.

Apparatus: One four-wheeled Hose Carriage, in good order, with seven hundred feet of good hose.

United States Engine Company.

Instituted October 11, 1811. Location, north side of Wood, below Crown street. Performs duty in the Second, Third, Fourth and Seventh Districts.

President, Joseph Reakirt, southeast corner of Third and Callowhill streets, Merchant.

Secretary, P. Stackhouse, Jr., No. 25 Jacoby street, Salesman.

Director, James M. Benners, No. 29 south Front street, Merchant.

Number of Members: Active, 34 ; Honorary, 64 ; Contributing, 105.

Apparatus: One first-class Engine, in good order, with three hundred feet of good hose, and two hundred and seventy-five feet of bad hose.

Phoenix Hose Company.

Instituted August 25, 1817. Location, Zane, above Seventh street. Performs duty in the First, Second, Third and Seventh Districts.

President, Samuel Sparhawk, No. 385 Arch street, Merchant.

Secretary, Thomas Sharpe, Eighth above Locust street, Clerk.

Director, Francis S. Lewis, No. 270 Walnut street, Manufacturer.

Number of Members: Active, 13; Honorary, 48; Contributing, 108.

Apparatus: One second-class Engine, in good order; one four-wheeled Hose Carriage, in good order, with eight hundred and twenty feet of hose, all of which is good.

Good Intent Engine Company.

Instituted April 26, 1819. Location, Allen street, below Frankford Road. Performs duty in the Third, Fourth, Fifth and Seventh Districts.

President, Jacob Moyer, Queen below Shackamaxon street, Trunk-maker.

Secretary, Charles Wilkins, Allen street, above Marlborough, Ship-joiner.

Director, Jacob Moyer, Queen below Shackamaxon street, Trunk-maker.

Number of Members: Active, 24; Honorary, 21; Contributing, 25.

Apparatus: One second-class Engine, in good condition; one four-wheeled Hose Carriage, in good order, with nine hundred feet of good hose, and one hundred and fifty feet of bad hose.

Good Intent Engine Company (of Roxborough.)

Instituted May 8, 1819. Location, Ridge Road, between Seventh and Eighth Mile Stone, Roxborough. Performs duty in the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Districts.

President, Richard Haley, Roxborough, Dyer.

Secretary, John M. Dager, Roxborough, Butcher.

Director, Charles M. Dager, Roxborough, Butcher.

Number of Members: Active, 59; Honorary, 11; Contributing, 17.

Apparatus: One Suction Engine and one four-wheeled Bucket and Hose Carriage, both in good order, with one hundred feet of good hose.

Fellowship Engine Company.

Instituted September 3, 1819. Location, Armat street, Germantown. Performs duty in the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Districts.

President, Frederick Emhart, Main street, Gentleman.

Secretary, Thomas Megargee, Linden street, Storekeeper.

Director, F. B. Rittenhouse, Main and School streets, Grocer.

Number of Members: Active, 65.

Apparatus: One second-class Suction Engine, in good order; one four-wheeled Hose Carriage, in good order, with six hundred feet of good and four hundred feet of bad hose.

Globe Engine Company.

Instituted May 22, 1820. Location, Germantown road above Second street. Performs duty in the Third, Fourth, Fifth and Seventh Districts.

President, John Frederick, Frankford below Master street, Brickmaker.

Secretary, Edward Jones, 522 North Second street, Leather Dealer.

Director, Jacob Hartman, Germantown road above Second street, Inn-keeper.

Number of Members: Active, 20; Honorary, 20; Contributing, 19.

Apparatus: One second-class Engine, in good order; one two-wheeled Tender, in good order, with eight hundred feet of good hose.

Diligent Hose Company.

Instituted, June 3, 1820. Location, Madison street, above Race. Performs duty in the Second, Third, Fourth and Seventh Districts.

President, Thomas Kirkpatrick, 151 York avenue, Merchant.

Secretary, Henry C. Cobb, Sheaff's alley below Madison, Moulder.

Director, Henry H. Kensill, 273 Wood street, Lamp Maker.

Number of Members: Active, 16; Honorary, 58; Contributing, 11.

Apparatus: One four-wheeled Hose Carriage, in good order, with nine hundred feet of good hose and three hundred feet of bad hose.

West Philadelphia Engine Company.

Instituted January 1, 1821. Location, Oak street, west of Park. Performs duty in the Second, Third, Fourth and Seventh Districts.

President, Philip Lowry, Jr., Market and Mary streets, Victualler.

Secretary, Théodore Sage, Market and Mansion streets, Surveyor.

Director, John Sturges, Jr., Mary and Warren streets, Railroad Despatcher.

Number of Members: Active, 38; Honorary, 21.

Apparatus: One Suction Engine, in good order, with three hundred feet of new hose.

Fairmount Engine Company.

Instituted February 22, 1823. Located Ridge avenue above Wood street, east side. Performs duty in the Second, Third, Fourth and Seventh Districts.

President, David M. Lyle, 64 Ridge avenue, Painter.

Secretary, E. W. Plankinton, Pleasant above Twelfth, Accountant.

Director, Peter W. Greer, Northwest corner Tenth and Lemon streets, Victualler.

Number of Members: Active, 153; Honorary, 66; Contributing, 173.

Apparatus: One second-class Engine and one four-wheeled Hose Carriage, both of which are in good order, and seven hundred and fifty feet of good hose.

Monroe Engine Company.

Instituted March 8, 1823. Location on Cambria street, Monroe village. Performs duty in the Second, Third, Fourth and Seventh Districts.

President, Frederick J. Sorber, Monroe village, Painter.

Secretary, Wilson J. Hansell, Monroe village, Blacksmith.

Director, Frederick J. Sorber, Monroe village, Painter.

Number of Members: Active, 46; Honorary, 10; Contributing, 18.

Apparatus: One second-class Engine, one Suction Engine, and one two-wheeled Tender, all of which are in good condition; also two hundred feet of good hose and one hundred feet of bad hose.

United States Hose Company.

Instituted July 4, 1826. Location, Buttonwood street below York avenue. Performs duty in the Second, Third, Fourth and Seventh Districts.

President, Henry J. Garlamger, 20 Myrtle street, Bricklayer.

Secretary, Thomas J. Smith, Willow above Fifth, Bookbinder.

Director, William Little, Jr., Noble below Third, Gentleman.

Number of Members: Active, 25; Honorary, 54; Contributing, 6.

Apparatus: One four-wheeled Hose Carriage, in good order, with nine hundred and thirty-two feet of good hose; two hundred feet more ordered.

Southwark Engine Company.

Instituted February 5, 1827. Location, 507 South Third street. Performs duty in the First, Second and Third Districts.

President, Robert H. Gorbitt, Seventh street below Wharton, Printer.

Secretary, Samuel L. Durand, 55 Jefferson avenue, Paper-Hanger.

Director, Charles P. Bayard, Third above Christian, Sadler.

Number of Members: Active, 24; Honorary, 64; Contributing, 23.

Apparatus: One second-class Engine, and one two-wheeled Tender, both in good order, with seven hundred feet of good hose.

Niagara Hose Company.

Instituted March 28, 1827. Location, Monroe street below Third. Performs duty in the First, Second and Third Districts.

President, Samuel Floyd, Pine street above Thirteenth, Merchant.

Secretary, Henry York, 45 German street, Salesman.

Director, John Carrow, 362 Locust street, Jeweller.

Number of Members: Active, 12; Honorary, 37; Contributing, 8.

Apparatus: Two four-wheeled Hose Carriages, in good order, with eight hundred and thirty-four feet of good hose, and one hundred and twenty feet of bad hose.

America Hose Company.

Instituted September 2, 1828. Location, Carpenter east of Seventh st. Performs duty in the First, Second, Third and Seventh Districts.

President, William H. Hamilton, Second below Market street, Gentleman.

Secretary, Edward D. Yates, 336 North Tenth street, Accountant.

Director, Edward D. Yates, 336 North Tenth street, Accountant.

Number of Members: Active, 10; Honorary, 28; Contributing, 67.

Apparatus: Two four-wheeled Hose Carriages, in good order, with nine hundred and fifty feet of good hose,

William Penn Hose Company.

Instituted February 3, 1830. Location, Frankford road below Franklin avenue. Performs duty in the Third, Fourth, Fifth and Seventh Districts.

President, J. N. Kochersperger, N. W. corner of Palmer and Bedford streets, Gentleman.

Secretary, Joseph L. Bowen, 10 Vernon street, Gentleman.

Director, John G. Clothier, Dutton above Otter st., Gentleman.

Number of Members: Active, 35; Honorary, 40; Contributing, 10.

Apparatus: Two four-wheeled Hose Carriages, both in good order, with eleven hundred and sixty feet of good hose.

Robert Morris Hose Company.

Instituted March 14, 1831. Location, Lombard st. above Eighth. Performs duty in the First, Second and Third Districts.

President, John F. Shermer, No. 7 Jefferson row, Builder.

Secretary, William F. Schreiber, Quince street, Painter.

Director, H. L. Sinexon, 1 Henry street, Tailor.

Number of Members: Active, 24; Honorary, 72; Contributing, 100.

Apparatus: One four-wheeled Hose Carriage, in good order, with eight hundred and fifty feet of good hose and four hundred feet of bad hose.

Pennsylvania Hose Company.

Instituted August 4, 1831. Located Eighth and Depot streets. Performs duty in the Second, Third, Fourth and Seventh Districts.

President, Charles G. Willing, 417 North Eighth street, Gentleman.

Secretary, William Edgar, 20 Clinton street, Book-binder.

Director, Edward N. Creighton, Tenth below Thompson, Upholsterer.

Number of Members: Active, 26; Honorary, 54; Contributing, 0.

Apparatus: Two four-wheeled Hose Carriages (one of which is new), with thirteen hundred feet of hose, all of which is in good condition.

Marion Hose Company.

Instituted August 19, 1833. Location, Queen st. below Sixth. Performs duty in the First, Second and Third Districts.

President, William R. Beattes, Queen street below Fifth, Coach Trimmer.

Secretary, George Daly, Prime street above Ninth, Coal Dealer.

Director, William R. Beattes, Queen street below Fifth, Coach Trimmer.

Number of Members: Active, 20; Honorary, 56; Contributing, 21.

Apparatus: Two four-wheeled Hose Carriages, in good order, with eighteen hundred feet of good hose.

Schuylkill Hose Company.

Instituted December 9, 1833. Located Locust st. below Thirteenth. Performs duty in the First, Second, Third and Seventh Districts.

President, William Fritz, corner of Twentieth and Watt streets, Carpenter.

Secretary, John McClenaghan, 197 Locust street, Chair Maker.

Director, William A. Rolin, Eighteenth street above Pine, Merchant.

Number of Members: Active, 29; Honorary, 38; Contributing, 37.

Apparatus: Two four-wheeled Hose Carriages (one of which is new), in good order, with five hundred feet of new hose and twelve hundred feet of bad hose.

Good Will Hose Company.

Instituted March 1, 1834. Located Wood street, between Twenty-second and Twenty-third. Performs duty in the Second, Third, Fourth and Seventh Districts.

President, Thomas Wallace, Callowhill street west of Twenty-fifth, Gas-fitter.

Secretary, Henry Flather, Hamilton and Twenty-fourth streets, Dyer.

Director, George W. Hyde, Callowhill street near Fairmount, Innkeeper.

Number of Members: Active, 22; Honorary, 26; Contributing, 10.

Apparatus: Two four-wheeled Hose Carriages, both of which are in good order, with eight hundred feet of good hose and four hundred feet of bad hose.

Western Hose Company.

Instituted February 11, 1836. Location, southwest corner of Twentieth and Harrison streets. Performs duty in the First, Second and Third Districts.

President, John White, Sixteenth street, below Pine, Dentist.

Secretary, John Gibboney, 100 William street, Brick-maker.

Director, Henry Baker, Locust, between Twentieth and Twenty-first streets, Coal-dealer.

Number of Members: Active, 27; Honorary, 86; Contributing, 7.

Apparatus: One four-wheeled Hose Carriage, in good order, with nine hundred feet of good hose, and seven hundred feet of bad hose.

Manayunk Engine Company.

Instituted January 1, 1838. Location, Main street, opposite Green Lane. Performs duty in the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Districts.

President, H. M. Nixon, Manayunk, Paper Manufacturer.

Secretary, J. B. Gibson, Manayunk, Alderman.

Director, James Shaw, Manayunk, Woollen Manufacturer.

Number of Members: Active, 44; Honorary, 25; Contributing, none.

Apparatus: One second-class Engine: one Suction Engine; one four-wheeled Hose Carriage, all of which are in good order, with five hundred feet of good hose.

Franklin Hose Company.

Instituted February 12, 1838. Location, Broad St., above Fitzwater. Performs duty in the First, Second and Third Districts.

President, John Hearst, Shippen street, second house above Thirteenth, Gas-fitter.

Secretary, Thomas Thompson, southwest corner of Broad and Shippen streets, Clerk.

Director, Robert Smith, Brinton, above Twelfth, last house in first court, Bricklayer.

Number of Members: Active, 26; Honorary, 14; Contributing, 16.

Apparatus: Two four-wheeled Hose Carriages, both of which are in good condition, with one thousand feet of good hose, and four hundred feet of bad hose.

Warren Hose Company.

Instituted March 5, 1838. Location, Barker street, above Eighteenth. Performs duty in the First, Second, Third and Seventh Districts.

President, Benjamin F. Stewart, No. 6 Chancellor street, Plasterer.

Secretary, James A. Kilda, Cuthburt street, above Twentieth, Plasterer.

Director, Benjamin F. Stewart, No. 6 Chancellor street, Plasterer.

Number of Members: Active, 20; Honorary, 10; Contributing, 25.

Apparatus: One new four-wheeled Hose Carriage, in good order, with thirteen hundred feet of good hose, and five hundred feet of bad hose.

Mechanic Engine Company.

Instituted August 4, 1839. Location, Brown street below Fifteenth. Performs duty in the Third, Fourth, Fifth and Seventh Districts.

President, Richard Finch, 49 Lewis street, Carriage-builder.

Secretary, George Wagner, 12 Charlotte street, Gold-beater.

Director, George Wagner, 12 Charlotte street, Gold-beater.

Number of Members: Active, 41; Honorary, 30; Contributing, 6.

Apparatus: One second-class Engine, in good order; one two-wheeled Tender, in good order, with seven hundred feet of good hose.

Western Engine Company.

Instituted April 7, 1830. Location, Callowhill St., between Fifteenth and Sixteenth. Performs duty in the Second, Third, Fourth and Seventh Districts.

President, William Algie, Eighteenth and Hamilton streets, Machinist.

Secretary, George Downey, Jr., Marsellis Place, east of Fifteenth, below Spring Garden, Brass-moulder.

Director, George Downey, Jr., Marsellis Place, east of Fifteenth, below Spring Garden, Brass-moulder.

Number of Members: Active, 22; Honorary, 24; Contributing, 13.

Apparatus: One second-class Engine, in good order; one two-wheeled Tender, in good order, with five hundred feet of good and three hundred feet of bad hose.

Liberty Engine Company.

Instituted January 1, 1841. Location, Main street, Holmesburg. Performs duty in the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Districts.

President, Jacob K. Osmon, Holmesburg, Carpenter.

Secretary, Morgan H. Clift, Holmesburg, Carpenter.

Director, George S. Fox, Holmesburg, Farmer.

Number of Members: Active, 28; Honorary, none; Contributing, 20.

Apparatus: One second-class Suction Engine and one four-wheeled Hose Carriage, both of which are in good order, with five hundred feet of good hose, and fifty feet of bad hose.

Vigilant Hose Company.

Instituted July 4, 1844. Location, Eighth street, below Federal. Performs duty in the First, Second and Third Districts.

President, Henry W. Hawkins, Leonard, above Eighth street, Blacksmith.

Secretary, Charles F. Crap, 607 south Ninth street, Engraver.

Director, Charles F. Crap, 607 south Ninth street, Engraver.

Number of Members: Active, 20; Honorary, 10; Contributing, 50.

Apparatus: One new Suction Engine, in good order; one four-wheeled Hose Carriage, in good order, with one thousand feet of good hose.

Shiffler Hose Company.

Instituted January 8, 1846. Located in Reed street, below Second. Performs duty in the First, Second and Third Districts.

President, Wm. H. Dankel, Third street above Reed, Watch-dial maker.

Secretary, Wm. E. Siddons, No. 18 Wesley street, Printer.

Director, E. C. Heppard, No. 45 Buttonwood street, House-carpenter.

Number of Members: Active, 30; Honorary, 19; Contributing, 50.

Apparatus: Two four-wheeled Hose Carriages, in good order, with one thousand feet of hose, all of which is good.

South Penn Hose Company.

Instituted March 27, 1846. Location, Tenth street, below Thompson. Performs duty in the Third, Fourth, Fifth and Seventh Districts.

President, Robert G. Creighton, Tenth street below Thompson, Upholsterer.

Secretary, Thomas Neel, Prospect street above Thompson, Brass-turner.

Director, Robert G. Creighton Tenth street below Thompson, Upholsterer.

Number of Members: Active, 26; Honorary, 14; Contributing, 17.

Apparatus: Two four-wheeled Hose Carriages, in serviceable order, with eight hundred feet of good and two hundred and fifty feet of bad hose.

Fairmount Hose Company.

Instituted January 10, 1847. Location, Pleasant, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets. Performs duty in the Second, Third, Fourth and Seventh Districts.

President, Wm. Hinchman, southeast corner of Twelfth and Buttonwood, Hotel-keeper.

Secretary, Thomas Perry, No. 2 Whitehall street, Cabinet-maker.

Director, James McCaully, No. 3 Whitehall street, Bricklayer.

Number of Members: Active, 9; Honorary, 3; Contributing, 65.

Apparatus: One four-wheeled Hose Carriage, in good order, with eight hundred feet of good and three hundred and fifty feet of bad hose.

Independence Engine Company.

Instituted February 1, 1847. Location, Spring Garden street, below Twenty-fourth. Performs duty in the Second, Third, Fourth and Seventh Districts.

President, James Johnson, No. 14 Wilcox street, Box-maker.

Secretary, Thomas Carroll, Twenty-fifth street, between Spring Garden and Centre, Cordwainer.

Director, Thomas Carroll, Twenty-fifth street, between Spring Garden and Centre, Cordwainer.

Number of Members: Active, 40; Honorary, 8; Contributing, none.

Apparatus: One second-class Engine, in good order, with three hundred feet of good and one hundred feet of bad hose.

Ringgold Hose Company.

Instituted March 29, 1847. Located Randolph above Franklin avenue. Performs duty in the Third, Fourth, Fifth and Seventh Districts.

President, Michael J. Brickner, 361 Apple street, Brick-maker.

Secretary, S. K. Reed, 302 Apple street, Brick-maker.

Director, E. W. Reed, Coates and Krepler streets, Coach Manufacturer.

Number of Members: Active, 12; Honorary, 3; Contributing, 9.

Apparatus: One four-wheeled Hose Carriage, in good order, with eight hundred feet of good hose.

Taylor Hose Company.

Instituted May 1, 1847. Location, Howard street, at the junction of Putnam and Montgomery streets. Performs duty in the Third, Fourth, Fifth and Seventh Districts.

President, William B. Bayne, Howard above Master street, Plumber.

Secretary, William McCain, 50 Fitler street, below Harrison, Saw Maker.

Director, James Glenn, Howard below Jefferson street, Polisher.

Number of Members: Active, 30; Honorary, 7; Contributing, 40.

Apparatus: One new four-wheeled Hose Carriage, and one old one, in bad condition; also seven hundred feet of good hose,

Wissahickon Engine Company.

Instituted December 27, 1847. Location, Rittenhousetown. Performs duty in the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Districts.

President, James Lord, Jr., Rittenhousetown, Manufacturer.

Secretary, Nicholas Rittenhouse, Mill Grove, Miller.

Director, Nicholas Rittenhouse, Mill Grove, Miller.

Number of Members: Active, 24; Honorary, 1; Contributing, 4.

Apparatus: One second-class Engine, in good working order; also four hundred feet of good hose.

Franklin Engine Company, of Frankford.

Instituted January 10, 1848. Location, Unity street. Performs duty in the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Districts.

President, William Glenn, Hedge street, Mason.

Secretary, William Higgs, Church street, Printer.

Director, Charles T. Holme, Leeper street, Painter.

Number of Members: Active, 40; Honorary, 1; Contributing, 5.

Apparatus: One second-class Suction Engine and one four-wheeled Hose Carriage, both of which are in good order; also six hundred and nine feet of good hose.

Germantown Hose Company.

Instituted May 11, 1848. Location, West Washington street. Performs duty in the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Districts.

President, Casper Guyer, Main above Washington, Gate-keeper.

Secretary, Marshall E. Hong, Franklinville, Carpenter.

Director, Caspar Guyer, Main above Washington, Gate-keeper.

Number of Members: Active, 20; Honorary, 2; Contributing, 5.

Apparatus: One four-wheeled Hose Carriage, which is in good order; also five hundred and fifty feet of good hose.

Empire Hook and Ladder Company.

Instituted February 6, 1851. Location, Franklin above Wood street. Performs duty in the Second, Third, Fourth and Seventh Districts.

President, William F. Smith, Germantown, Merchant.

Secretary, T. P. Russell, 14 Rugan street, Accountant.

Director, R. L. Rutter, Spruce below Seventh, Merchant.

Number of Members: Active, 20; Honorary, 7; Contributing, 25.

Apparatus: One four-wheeled Truck, in good order; one hundred and fifty feet of ladder, seven hooks, four axes, four picks, and one hundred and fifty feet of good hose.

Spring Garden Engine Company.

Instituted December 6, 1851. Located Twentieth above Callowhill street. Performs duty in the Second, Third, Fourth and Seventh Districts.

President, George F. Wilson, Nineteenth, north of Callowhill, Stone Mason.

Secretary, Edward J. Brodie, Twentieth and Callowhill streets, Druggist.

Director, Thomas Lindsay, 16 Winter street, Bricklayer.

Number of Members: Active, 35; Contributing, 12.

Apparatus: One second-class Engine, in good order, with three hundred feet of good and one hundred feet of bad hose.

Protection Hook and Ladder Company.

Instituted February 6, 1852. Location, Front street above Franklin avenue. Performs duty in the Third, Fourth, Fifth and Seventh Districts.

President, Robert G. Miller, Beach, opposite the Kensington Iron Works, Looking-glass Frame-maker.

Secretary, Joseph R. Brant, Front above Phœnix, Carpenter.

Director, Robert C. Miller, Beach, opposite the Kensington Iron Works, Looking-glass Frame-maker.

Number of Members: Active, 18; Honorary, 2; Contributing, 6.

Apparatus: One Truck, in good order, with picks and axes, two hundred feet of bad hose, one hundred and forty-five feet of new ladder, and six hooks.

Nicetown Hose Company.

Instituted March 13, 1852. Located on Clinton street, Nicetown. Performs duty in the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Districts.

President, William Warner, Nicetown, Cooper.

Secretary, Michael Kerbaugh, Germantown road above Broad street, Cooper.

Director, John M. Freed, Germantown road above Broad street, Bricklayer.

Number of Members: Active, 25.

Apparatus: One four-wheeled Hose Carriage, in good order, with six hundred feet of good and four hundred feet of bad hose.

Rescue Hook and Ladder Company.

Instituted January 7, 1853. Located on Frankford road, Aramingo. Performs duty in the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Districts.

President, Michael Shuster, Paul street, Frankford, Cast Steel-maker.

Secretary, Samuel Ford, Orchard street, Frankford, Machinist.

Director, Samuel Ford, Orchard street, Frankford, Machinist.

Number of Members: Active, 24; Contributing, 5.

Apparatus: One Truck, in good order, with one hundred and fifty feet of ladder, three hooks, two axes, and three picks.

Excelsior Hook and Ladder Company.

Instituted January 28, 1853. Location, Sellers and Unity streets, Frankford. Performs duty in the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Districts.

President, John Arthur, Tacony street, Lumber Merchant.

Secretary, Isaac P. Branin, Paul street, Carriage Manufacturer.

Director, John Shallcross, Sellers street, Conveyancer.

Number of Members: Active, 27.

Apparatus: One new Truck, in good order, with one hundred and fifty feet of ladder, six hooks, twelve buckets, two axes, two picks, and two extra coils of rope.

Mantua Hook and Ladder Company.

Instituted March 4, 1855. Location, Haverford street, east of Lancaster avenue. Performs duty in the Second, Third, Fourth and Seventh Districts.

President, John Williamson, Lancaster and Westminster avenue, Lumber Merchant.

Secretary, John M. Du Shane, Bridge street, east of Lancaster avenue, Stone Mason.

Director, John M. Du Shane, Bridge street, east of Lancaster avenue, Stone Mason.

Number of Members: Active, 28; Contributing, 17.

Apparatus: One Truck, in good order, with one hundred and forty feet of ladder, six hooks, two axes, two picks, and one tormentor.

United Hose Company.

Instituted June 5, 1855. Location, Brown below Twelfth street. Performs duty in the Third, Fourth, Fifth and Seventh Districts.

President, Richard M. Staunton, Hazel street above Eleventh, Hatter.

Secretary, Joseph L. Fox, 45 Melon street, Clerk.

Director, Eugene W. Shipley, 125 Fitzwater street, Clerk.

Number of Members : Active, 22 ; Contributing, 14.

Apparatus : One four-wheeled Hose Carriage, in good order, with fourteen hundred feet of good hose,

Union Hose Company.

Instituted April, 1856. Location, Garden and Thirty-fifth streets. Performs duty in the Second, Third, Fourth and Seventh Districts.

President, Benjamin R. Miller, Haverford and Thirty-sixth streets, Coal Dealer.

Secretary, J. Crausdale, Beering and Thirty-Fifth streets, Clerk.

Directors, Joseph Carlisle, Haverford street, Clerk.

Number of Members : Active, 23 ; Contributing, 11.

Apparatus : One four-wheeled Hose Carriage, in good order, with nine hundred and fifty feet of good hose.

West Philadelphia Hose Company.

Instituted May 10, 1856. Location, York street above Park. Performs duty in the Second, Third, Fourth and Seventh Districts.

President, Hovuss Rodgers, York above Park, Ice Merchant.

Secretary, Samuel K. Murray, Oak below Park, Carpenter.

Director, Edwin Lyster, Pine above Warren, Brick-maker.

Number of Members : Active, 20 ; Contributing, 24.

Apparatus : One four-wheeled Hose Carriage, in good order, with three hundred feet of good and two hundred feet of bad hose.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER

STATEMENT

DATE. 1856.	LOCATION.	DISTRICT.	AMOUNT AND KIND OF PROPERTY.	CAUSE.	VALUE OF PROPERTY DESTROYED.	
					Real.	Personal
Oct'r	1 Nos 5 and 7 Lodge Alley,	2	Whalebone and paper store,	Accidental,	\$1350	12,162
"	4 Alarm,	1	"	"		
"	5 Wood below Ninth st.,	3	Coffin warehouse,	"		
"	5 Emeline street,	1	Carpenter shop,	Incendiarism,		
"	6 Norris above Clinton street,	4	Three unfinished dwellings,	"	1200	
"	9 Clinton and Montgomery sts.,	4	Cotton factory,	Supposed incend'ism,	6000	4,500
"	11 Alarm,	3	"	"		
"	13 N.W. cor. Charlotte & Brown sts.	4	Lager beer saloon, &c.,	Incendiarism,	100	100
"	14 Washington below Fifth st.,	1	Iron foundry, roof,	Accidental,	400	
"	14 Gorgas and Wissahickon Lanes,	6	Cotton factory,	"	900	1,000
"	14 Bristol turnpike ab. Frankford,	5	Coach manufactory,	"	2000	2,300
"	15 Alarm,	4	"	"		
"	16 Maylandville,	7	Rosin factory,	Accidental,	300	400
"	16 Alarm,	4	"	"		
"	16 Alarm,	4	"	"		
"	17 Beach, Penn. and Poplar sts.,	4	Lumber yard, workshops, dwell- ings, &c.,	Incendiarism,	15866	55,375
"	"	"	"	"		
"	"	"	"	"		
"	"	"	"	"		
"	19 Germantown,	6	Stable,	Incendiarism,	200	100
"	19 E. side of 4th, below Pine Alley,	1	Cellar of a dwelling,	Carelessness,		
"	20 Maiden above Beach street,	4	Feed store, stable, &c.,	Accidental,	175	375
"	22 N.E. cor. 13th and Carpenter sts.	1	Cotton factory, stock, machine- ry, &c.,	"	10000	90,000
"	"	"	"	"		
"	22 Fitzwater below Eighth street,	1	Roof of a brick dwelling,	Accidental,	100	
"	22 N. side Buttonwood bel. 4th st.,	3	Brick building,	Carelessness,	100	100
"	24 S. W. cor. 6th & Washington Sq.	2	Toy store, toys, &c.,	Supposed accidental,		2,800
"	25 Second street above Canal,	1	Stacks of hay,	Incendiarism,		720
"	25 Pratt below Spruce street,	1	Roof of a brick dwelling,	Accidental,	100	100
"	26 Alarm,	2	"	"		
"	28 Pine below Twentieth street,	1	Cotton factory, stock, &c.,	Accidental,	100	870
"	28 Alarm (same fire),	1	Rekindling of rubbage,	"		
"	30 No. 7 1/2 North Front street,	2	Brooms and fancy goods, store, &c.,	Unknown,	1000	8,455
Nov'r	1 S. side of Prune below 6th st.,	2	Roof of a brick building,	Unknown,	893	345
"	1 S. W. cor. 5th and Adelphi sts.,	2	Roof of colored Church,	Accidental,	100	
"	1 Alarm,	4	"	"		
"	1 Schuylkill above Wire Bridge,	7	Ice house,	Incendiarism,	800	2,000
"	2 Alarm,	3	"	"		
"	3 7th, Marshall and Brown sts.,	4	Roof of dwellings, shops, stables, tools, and pigeons,	Incendiarism,	3123	1,150
"	"	"	"	"		
"	"	"	"	"		
"	5 Willow above Thirteenth street,	2	Cooper-shop,	Incendiarism,	50	75
"	5 Ridge Road and Eleventh street,	3	Stable,	"	150	
"	6 Willow below Twentieth street,	3	Cotton factory and dwellings,	Supposed incend'ism,	6090	27,000
"	"	"	"	"		
"	7 Plank Road near Frankford,	5	Sheds and drugs,	Accidental,	100	850
"	7 Girard House,	2	Partition wall in Reading-Room,	Caught from service,		
"	14 S. side Cherry bet. 16th & 17th sts.	2	Roof of brick dwelling,	Accidental,	100	50
"	15 W. side Sixth above Spruce st.,	2	Frame dwelling, stock, &c.,	Incendiarism,	75	50
"	15 Market st. above Margaretta,	7	Frame dwelling,	Accidental,	100	
"	15 No. 247 S. Seventh street,	1	Roof of dwelling,	"		
"	15 Vine above Broad street,	3	Carpenter shop,	Incendiarism,		

OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

OF FIRES, LOSSES, &c., &c.

OWNERS OF REAL ESTATE.	OWNERS OF PERSONAL ESTATE.	INSURANCE ON		WHERE INSURED.	REMARKS.
		Real Estate.	Personal Estate.		
John O. Ewing.	G. W. Wooten and E. P. Shee.	\$1350	12162	Royal, N. A. Franklin, Pa.	
	John McCarthy.				Loss trifling.
H. Grotcher, J. Rhoads, J. O'Neil.	Irwin & Stinson, Henderson	400		Jefferson.	Do.
Irwin & Stinson.	& Co., Wm. Rothbottom.	6000	4000	Lon. Athenæum, Equit'ble	
Paul Knoflock.	Paul Knoflock.				
Samuel V. Merrick.	Gorgas & Co.	400		Hand-in-Hand.	
Gorgas & Co.	Jonas S. Green.	1200	1000	Mutual.	
Robert Whitecar.	Rowley & Ashburner.			No insurance.	
Rowley & Ashburner.					
Samuel Megargee, T. B. Chapman, Sarah Price, L. Geibler, Mary Browning, J. Anthony, Geo. Sheppard, M. Andress, G. F. Schreader, Rowland & Co., Wood & Bro., S. Turner.	Samuel Megargee, T. B. Chapman, Lewis Geibler, Joseph Anthony, Geo. Sheppard.	6050	19845	Franklin, Delaware, State Mutual, Fire Association. Philad. Company, Philad'ia Contributionship.	
F. W. Bockius.	F. W. Bockius.				Do.
James Duffy, James Gibson, Robert Selfridge.	James Gibson, Benj. Kline, Robert Selfridge.	50	300	Franklin and Jefferson.	
		10000	40000	Com'lth. Franklin, Hope, Pa., Phil. F. & M., Phil. F. & L., Atlantic, Equitable.	
Mary Dixey.	William Gamble.	100		Fire Association.	
John K. Gamble.	Geo. Stone.		1500	Provincial.	
	William F. Hughes.		500	Merchants' & Mechanics'.	
George Baabe.	Maria Tricker.				
Wm. Watt & Son.	Wm. Watt & Son.	100	870	Delaware, Provincial, R.I.	
Tremper's estate.	W. Eastwood, E. P. Middleton, J. D. Wetham, J. Brower.		4085	Fire Associa'n, Franklin Farmers' & Mechanics'.	
P. D. Myers' Trustee.	Rousell & Parsons, T. Worsley.	893	345	Fire Ass., Spring Garden.	
Colored Congregation.		100		Green Tree Mutual.	
Denny & Lacy.	Denny & Lacy.	800	1500	North America.	
G. Bender, T. W. Eastlack, H. Evans, J. Williams, Messrs. Ryndollar, Bullock, Wise, Sommers, Joel Jones, Thos. Cunningham.	Burr & Mintzer, Bender & Watson, H. Evans, T. W. Eastlack.	624		Franklin, Fire Associat'n.	
	Dennis Collins.				
William Demery.	Smith & Guy.	150		Franklin.	
William A. Rhoads, William Helfricht.		6090	17500	Royal, Equitable, Commonwealth, Manufacturers', Provincial, Fire A.	
John R. Savage & Co.	John R. Savage & Co.	100	850	Royal.	Do.
Mr. La Combe.	Mr. La Combe.	100		Pennsylvania.	
Charles Gallen.		75		Mechanics'.	Do.
					Do.

STATEMENT

DATE. 1856.	LOCATION.	DISTRICT.	AMOUNT AND KIND OF PROPERTY.	CAUSE.	VALUE OF PROPERTY DESTROYED.	
					Real.	Personal
Nov'r 16	Callowhill street above Ninth.	3	Brick stable, carriages, &c.	Incendiarism.	\$3000	\$360
" 19	E. side of Second ab. Spruce st.	2	Furniture store.	Unknown.	50	543
" 20	Alarm.	4				
" 22	Main near Herman.	6	Factory, stock, &c.	Accidental.	50	1,000
" 22	Alarm.	7	Ringling of State House bell.			
" 22	Alarm.					
" 22	Callowhill street below Third.	3	Trunk factory, chair factory, brewery, roof of dwellings, stock, &c.	Incendiarism.	1684	3,050
" 22	Mary above Washington street.	7	Stable.	Incendiarism.	300	
" 24	Rear of Ninth ab Market street.	2	Carpenter shop, picture frames.	Do.	150	559
" 24	Germantown Road and Master.	4	Roof of dwellings, feed store, etc.	Do.	1250	750
" 24	Ridge R. near Falls of Schuylkill	6	Cotton factory.	Unknown.	4000	11,450
" 26	Pine street, Frankford.	5	Cotton factory.	Accidental.		600
" 28	Penn below South.	1	Brick dwelling.	Do.		
" 28	N. side of South below 2d street.	1	Tea and spice store.	Unknown.	198	200
" 28	W. side of 7th below Market st.	2	Furniture warehouse.	Do.	1600	25,500
" 29	Miles' Alley above Tenth street.	2	Brick stable, roof of dwelling.	Do.	400	
" 30	Nos. 42 and 44 N. Second street.	2	Brush factory, paper store.	Do.	204	1,627
" 30	Alarm, caused by the rekindling of the ruins in 7th above Market.	5	Grocery and liquor store.	Accidental.	700	650
Dec'r 7	Frankford above Adams street.	2	Chimney.			
" 8	Alarm.	5	Three stacks of hay and wheat.	Incendiarism.		300
" 8	Bustleton P. and Dark Run R.					
" 8	Alarm.					
" 9	No. 38 Monroe street.	1	Roof of brick dwelling.	Accidental.	100	50
" 9	No. 81 North Front street.	2	Roof of brick cooper shop.	Do.	100	200
" 9	Alarm.	3				
" 10	S. side of Lombard below 6th st.	1	Brick dwelling.	Incendiarism.	75	
" 10	Alarm.	1	Chimney.			
" 10	Alarm.	1	Chimney.			
" 11	Cox st. between 16th and 17th.	1	Brick stable, lumber.	Do.	1500	
" 11	Fifth and Dickinson streets.	1	Carpenter shop.	Accidental.	100	
" 12	George st. bet. Mary and William	7	Carpenter shop.	Incendiarism.	100	
" 12	S. side of Sp. Garden above 8th.	3	Lace store.	Accidental.	50	50
" 13	Twenty-first and Locust streets.	2	Bed and clothing	Carelessness.		
" 14	Olive below Broad.	4	Fuel manufactory.	Incendiarism.	150	
" 14	Marshall below Girard Avenue.	4	Carpenter shop.	Do.		
" 15	No. 8 Franklin Place.	2	Lager beer saloon.	Unknown.	100	80
" 15	Alarm.	2	Chimney.			
" 18	N. E. cor. 19th and Spruce sts.	2	Frame building.	Incendiarism.	150	
" 18	S. E. cor. 11th and Little Washg'n	1	Unfinished buildings.	Do.		
" 19	N. W. cor 18th and Market sts.	2	School room.	Upsetting the stove.		
" 19	Ohio E. of Twelfth street.	1	Brick building.	Accidental.		
" 19	Schuylkill Av. above Race st.	3	Lumber yard and brick build-ings.	Incendiarism.	150	1500
" 19	16th above Filbert street.	2	Kitchen furniture.	Bursting of a heater.		
" 20	No. 106 South Second street.	2	Furniture store, lumber.	Incendiarism.	50	150
" 20	No. 75 North Sixth street.	2	Chair manufactory.	Sup'd to be accidental	300	100
" 20	Alarm.	1				
" 21	N. E. cor. 21st and Penn'a Av.	3	Carpenter shop.	Incendiarism.	125	
" 21	Alarm.	3				
" 22	Wharton below Eighth street.	1	Frame building.	Unknown.		
" 22	Alarm.	1				
" 22	Raspberry Alley ab. Spruce st.	2	Roof of a brick dwelling.	Incendiarism.	150	

OF FIRES, LOSSES, &c., &c.—CONTINUED.

OWNERS OF REAL ESTATE.	OWNERS OF PERSONAL ESTATE.	INSURANCE ON		WHERE INSURED.	REMARKS.
		Real Estate.	Personal Estate.		
Henry Styer.	J. & G. Cole.	\$360		Fire Association.	
Moses Nathans.	Moses Nathans, E. B. Mench.	50	\$543	Fire Association, Franklin	
Samuel Keyser.	Thomas Aldridge.		500	Spring Garden.	
Smith Skinner, R. L. Edwards,	R. L. Edwards, Bishop & Be-	884	2043	Fire Association, Frank-	
George Bastin, John Klump,	van, John Klump, E. W.			lin, Spring Garden.	
David Ellis.	Pennell.				
William Davis.	John Lutz, J. S. Earl.			No insurance.	
ideon Cox.	William Taylor.	750	559	Hope, Farmers' & Mechan's	
William Taylor.	Dobson & Co.	2000	455	Franklin, Philad. County.	
Dobson & Co.			6500	Equitable, Royal, Consol-	
				idated, Royal.	
Solomon Wilde.	Solomon Wilde.		600	Royal.	
William F. Hughes.	Samuel Jennings.	198	25	Farmers' and Mechanics'.	Loss trifling.
Lyman Gratz.	Courtney & Willetts, R. L.	10581	13000	Franklin, Green Tree, Fire	
	Barnes, A. Brett, German			Association, Girard,	
	Society, Joseph K. Thomas.			State Mutual.	
George B. Presbury.		400		Franklin.	
Jackey's Estate.	Chas. T. Kern, W. H. Seibert.	204	1627	American, Reliance, Com-	
				monwealth, Farmers' &	
				Mechanics', Fire Asso'n.	
Sarah Arbinetta.	Robert Montgomery.		400	State Mutual.	
	Mrs. Shallcross.		300	Mutual of Bustleton.	
William Kinney.	John H. Sharp.	100		Hand-in-Hand.	
Winn, Kieth & Co.	Winn, Kieth & Co.		150	Royal.	
John Eckey.		75		Franklin.	
William H. French.			40	Fire Association.	
Henry Slauch.			50	Franklin.	
ap Brazieo.					[fling.
. Jeuel.					Damage tri-
John Dripps.					Do.
r. Bache.	Frederick Boyer.		30	Alliance.	[available.
John Donachy.					Insurance not
					[fling.
					Damage tri-
					Do.
tone & Quigly, Fisher's Es-	Jeremiah Willetts.	75	1500	Spring Garden, Franklin.	
tate.					
Israel Tobias.	Joseph Sudgen.	50	150	Franklin, Provincial.	Do.
oney's Estate.	A. D. Young.	300		Green Tree, Hand-in-Hand	
Edward McLaughlin.					
					Do.
John Chew.		150		Franklin.	

STATEMENT

DATE. 1956.	LOCATION.	DISTRICT.	AMOUNT AND KIND OF PROPERTY.	CAUSE.	VALUE OF PROPERTY DESTROYED.	
					Real.	Personal
Dec'r 2.	Edward below Second street.	4	Factories, roofs of dwellings.	Accidental.	\$5150	\$5,400
" 2.	Hill above Market street.	7	Stables, dwellings, horses, omnibuses, harness, etc.	Incendiarism.	8000	36,325
" 23	Swanson above Washington st.	1	Steam saw mill, etc.	Do.	1500	1,000
" 23	Lyndall's Alley ab. Twelfth st.	2	Brick stable.	Do.	100	
" 27	Eleventh and Brinton streets.	3	Carpenter shop.	Unknown.		
" 29	Garden above Vine street.	3	Bake house.	Do.	125	50
" 31	Seventh and Germantown Road.	4	Mansion.	Incendiarism.		
" 31	Elm above Richmond street.	4	Broom factory, dwellings and sheds.	Unknown.	1100	
" 31	Green below St. John st.	3	Brick building, bird cages, and so forth.	Incendiarism.	300	200

OF FIRES, LOSSES, &c., &c.—CONTINUED.

OWNERS OF REAL ESTATE.	OWNERS OF PERSONAL ESTATE.	INSURANCE ON		WHERE INSURED.	REMARKS.
		Real Estate.	Personal Estate.		
John Funston.	John Funston, Daniel Gabel.	\$4150	\$2450	Farmers' and Mechanics',	
	William King, H. N. Sperry, Henry Wilkinson, A. M. Collins.			Fire Association, Odd Fellows', State Mutual.	
Mills & Place, John A. Dickinson.	Mills & Place, Mrs. Patton, William Mooney, Preston Middleton, William Eckman.	1850	35000	State Mutual, Franklin, Fire Association, Commonwealth, and Philadelphia.	
Jacob P. Wilson.	F. L. Bodine.	1500		Merchants' and Mechan's.	
Thomas Cadwalader.		100		Franklin.	[fling.
Robert Laws and William Stokes.				15 Farmers' and Mechanics', Provincial.	Damage tri-
John Flinn and Samuel Fox.		1100		State Mutual.	Do.
Godfrey Hamma.	August Nindel.	200		Mutual.	

LOSS AND INSURANCE BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	Loss.	Insurance.	Loss over Insurance.
First, - -	\$107,113	\$43,968	\$63,145
Second, -	73,443	48,504	24,939
Third, - -	44,209	28,867	15,342
Fourth, -	102,274	46,174	56,100
Fifth, - -	7,500	4,450	3,050
Sixth, - -	19,150	9,050	10,100
Seventh, -	48,325	39,150	9,175
	\$402,014	\$220,163	\$181,851

AN ORDINANCE

To Re-organize the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia, as adopted by Councils, January 25th, 1855.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the Fire Department shall consist of such regularly organized Engine, Hose and Hook and Ladder Companies, within the limits of the City of Philadelphia, as shall, within sixty days after the passage of this Ordinance, express, by resolution, duly attested by the officers thereof, their willingness to comply with its provisions. The officers of the Department shall be a Chief Engineer, seven Assistant Engineers (one for each Fire District), and one Director from each company possessing, at the passing of this Ordinance, the requisite apparatus as hereinafter provided for, and approved by the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

SECTION 2. That each Fire Company, as may be approved of by the Board of Directors and then by the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, not at present represented in the Board of Directors of the Fire Department of Philadelphia, shall, immediately after the passing of this Ordinance, elect one of their active or honoray members to represent them therein ; and annually hereafter, each company, at their stated meeting in June, shall elect one member, as aforesaid, to represent them in the said Board of Directors.

SECTION 3. That the said Board of Directors shall have power to make such rules and regulations for the government of the department as they may deem expedient and proper, not being contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance, and to inflict penalties for the non-observance of the same: *Provided*, That the said rules and regulations shall be approved by Councils.

SECTION 4. That the said Board of Directors shall, at the stated meeting in March, and annually hereafter, at their stated meeting in September, ballot for five persons for Chief Engineer, and the *three* persons receiving the highest number of votes on the *first* ballot

shall be nominated to Councils, and Councils, in joint meeting, by viva voce vote, shall elect one of the three so nominated, Chief Engineer of the Fire Department of Philadelphia: *Provided*, That the persons nominated shall not be less than thirty years of age, and shall have served five years as members of the Fire Department.

SECTION 5. That the said Board of Directors shall, at the same time as provided in Section 4, ballot for three persons from each Fire District, who shall have the same qualifications as Chief Engineer; and those receiving the highest number of votes shall be nominated to Councils, and Councils shall elect from said nominations one person for each Fire District, as Assistant Engineer, who shall reside in the district for which he is elected.

SECTION 6. That in case of the death, removal or resignation of the Chief Engineer, or any of the Assistant Engineers, during the term for which they shall have been elected, the Board of Directors shall forthwith nominate, and Councils shall elect, as provided for in Sections fourth and fifth, and the person so elected shall fill the office for and during the unexpired term of the preceding incumbent. The said Chief Engineer and Assistant Engineers may at any time be removed by Councils for incapacity or neglect of duty.

SECTION 7. That the Chief Engineer and Assistants shall, before entering on the duties of their offices, take an oath or affirmation, before the Mayor of the City, that they will perform their duties honestly and impartially, and they shall thereupon be qualified and empowered to act as such Chief Engineer and Assistants for all the purposes contemplated in this Ordinance, as well as for the preservation of the peace at fires, or during alarms thereof, the prevention and suppression of misdemeanors, and the detection and arrest of offenders; and the said Chief Engineer and Assistants when on duty shall wear a suitable badge of office.

SECTION 8. That it shall be the duty of the Chief

Engineer to attend all fires occurring in the city, and to superintend and direct the operations of the companies thereat, in such manner as to preserve the property from destruction by fire or an unnecessary use of water. He shall be governed in the performance of his duties by the rules and regulations of the Board of Directors, and approved by Councils, and shall have full and entire control of the fire-ground during the time of fire; and in the absence of the Mayor and Marshal of Police, it shall be the duty of the superior officer of the police present, to co-operate with, and under the direction of the Chief Engineer and Assistants, in reference to all matters connected with the management of the conflagration, and form a cordon around the fire-ground, protect the Fire Department from intrusion or interruption, and to do all things necessary for the protection of the peace and of property. He shall ascertain, if possible, the origin of each fire, and, if caused by incendiaries, shall furnish such information as he may collect to the Mayor. He shall procure a book, in which he shall enter each fire and its location, the cause of the same, the amount and kind of property destroyed, with the value thereof, the owner or owners, the amount of insurance, if any, and where insured, and such other information as may be useful, all of which he shall communicate quarterly to Councils and the Board of Directors. He shall report, at each meeting of the Board of Directors and to Councils, any company that may have disobeyed his orders, or violated the rules of the Board. He shall visit each company at least once in every three months, and, by a minute inspection of their apparatus, ascertain its condition, and report the same to the Board, which information he shall also furnish in his report to Councils. And he shall generally do and perform whatever may be necessary to carry out and enforce the provisions of this Ordinance, or the rules and regulations of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 9. That the Chief Engineer, or, in his absence, the Assistant Engineer of the district in which the fire is, or, in the absence of the Assistant Engineer

from his district, as herein named, then the first Assistant Engineer who shall arrive at the fire shall give such orders as in his judgment may be proper for the more effectual preservation of property, in conformity with the provisions of this Ordinance and the rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Directors of the Fire Department, and any disobedience thereof, or resistance thereto, by any company or its adherents, shall be punished by such fines or penalties as the said rules and regulations shall impose. The company fined shall, if it neglect or refuse to pay the said fines, be debarred from receiving any appropriation from the city until it shall be paid, and may be dismissed from the Fire Department by Councils as hereinafter provided.

SECTION 10. That the Chief Engineer shall locate his office at or near the City Hall, and shall cause the same to be open at all times. He shall, with the consent of the Select Council, appoint a Secretary, who shall perform such duties as may be assigned him, and who shall also act as Secretary of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 11. That the officers named in this Ordinance shall be entitled to the following compensations per annum, payable quarterly:—

Chief Engineer,	-	-	\$1,500
Assistant Engineers, each,	-	-	500
Secretary,	-	-	500

SECTION 12. That the said city shall be divided into seven Fire Districts, to be numbered, respectively, the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Districts.

The First District shall comprise all the territory in said city lying south of the line of South street from the river Delaware to the river Schuylkill.

The Second District shall comprise all the territory in said city lying between the line of South street on the south, and Market street on the north, and from the river Delaware to the river Schuylkill.

The Third District shall comprise all the territory in said city lying between the line of Market street

on the south, and Callowhill street on the north, and from the river Delaware to the river Schuylkill.

The Fourth District shall comprise all the territory in said city lying between the line of Callowhill street on the south, and Poplar street on the north, and from the river Delaware to the river Schuylkill.

The Fifth District shall comprise all the territory in said city lying north of Poplar street, and east of the line of Broad street to the river Delaware.

The Sixth District shall comprise all the territory in said city lying north of Poplar street, and west of the line of Broad street to the river Schuylkill.

The Seventh District shall comprise all the territory west of the river Schuylkill.

SECTION 13. There shall be a large bell erected in each of the Fire Districts at one of the Police Station Houses. Immediately after the discovery of a fire in one of the Fire Districts, information shall be given to the State House, and at the same time the Station bell of the District, and the bell at the State House, shall be struck to indicate the number of the District in which the fire is; and no other bell shall be rung except those herein provided for, unless by order of the Chief Engineer or Assistants; and they shall not be rung at any time by any other person or persons than such as shall be specially appointed for that purpose, or by an officer of the Police; and the bells now in use by fire companies shall not be rung on any occasion unless by permission of the Chief Engineer.

SECTION 14. That the several fire companies located in the First District shall only aid and assist in the extinguishment of such fires as may occur in the First and Second Districts. That those companies located in the Second District shall only aid and assist at such fires as may occur in the First, Second and Third Districts. That those companies located in the Third District shall only aid and assist at such fires as may occur in the Second, Third and Fourth Districts. That those companies located in the Fourth District shall only aid and assist at such fires as may occur in the Third, Fourth and Fifth Districts. That those com-

panies located in the Fifth District shall only aid and assist at such fires as may occur in the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Districts. That those companies located in the Sixth District shall only aid and assist at such fires as may occur in the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Districts. That those companies located in the Seventh District shall only aid and assist at such fires as may occur in the said District. That those companies located west of Tenth street in the Second, Third and Fourth Districts only shall aid and assist at such fires as may occur in the Seventh District. And none of the said companies shall pass into any other Fire District than such as is herein specified for their operations, except upon the order of the Chief or Assistant Engineer of the District in which the fire may be, as hereinafter provided.

SECTION 15. That each Hose Company shall be required to keep a good four-wheeled carriage, and to carry at least one thousand feet of hose. And each Engine Company shall keep an engine in good serviceable order, and carry at least three hundred feet of hose. And each Hook and Ladder Company shall carry one hundred and twenty-five feet of ladder and the necessary hooks and axes. And no company shall receive any appropriation from the City that is not in perfect condition for active service, with the apparatus herein required, at least nine months in each year: *Provided*, That companies which are unable to comply with the provisions of this section, so far as relates to the quantity of hose to be carried, shall be exempt from the penalty for the space of twelve months from the passage of this ordinance; and that all engines hereafter to be built shall have their chambers at least eight inches in diameter.

SECTION 16. That any Fire Company that shall provide accommodations for persons sleeping, or shall permit gambling or drinking in their house, or any of their members, adherents, or other persons to sleep therein, during the night, or allow minors to assist in conveying their apparatus to and from a fire, or alarm thereof, shall forfeit their annual appropriation from the city.

SECTION 17. That the number of active members of the several Fire Companies shall be as follows, viz : Hose and Hook and Ladder Companies, not to exceed thirty, and Engine Companies fifty : *Provided*, That a company having a first-class engine, or a combined apparatus, may have an additional number of members, but in no case shall the number exceed seventy-five. Contributing members shall not be permitted to wear the badge or equipments of the company to which they are attached, or have any voice in controlling the affairs thereof: *Provided*, That all persons who served five years or upwards, and who may be honorary members of the several companies, may wear the equipments of the company to which they belonged, and shall not be included in the number to which, by the provisions of this section, the companies comprising the department are entitled.

SECTION 18. That any company which, at the time of the passing of this ordinance, shall have a greater number of active members than is herein prescribed, shall not be permitted to elect new members until the number be reduced to the standard: *Provided*, That contributing members who have been in the habit of performing active duty, may be placed on the active roll, and the reduction herein contemplated be gradually made thereafter: *And provided further*, That no person shall wear the equipments, or be elected a member of any company, who is under the age of twenty-one years.

SECTION 19. That there shall be annually appropriated to each Fire Company in the city that shall have complied with the provisions of this ordinance, and submitted to the rules and regulations of the Board of Directors, such sum, not exceeding four hundred dollars, as Councils upon the recommendation of the said Board of Directors may deem necessary for the support and maintenance of the apparatus; but no part of the same shall be paid to any company until they have been visited and inspected by the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, and furnished to them a statement of their apparatus, the number of

members, designating the active, honorary and contributing; the number of fires during the year at which they have been in service, and the average attendance thereat, and a certificate from the Board of Directors of the Fire Department, and countersigned by the Chief Engineer, that they are entitled to the same.

SECTION 20. That any Fire Company in the City of Philadelphia which shall refuse or neglect to elect a representative in the Board of Directors of the Fire Department, in conformity with the provisions of this ordinance, or which shall not comply with the ordinance of Councils or the rules and regulations of the Board of Directors, or which shall be guilty of rioting or fighting, upon complaint made by the said Board of Directors, or by ten respectable citizens, may, after a hearing by Select and Common Councils, or by a joint committee, be dismissed from the Fire Department by Councils, and shall thereafter be incapacitated to act as a Fire Company; and no person who shall have been expelled from a company for riotous or disorderly conduct, shall be permitted to join another company. Nor shall a new Fire Company be organized without the consent of Councils.

SECTION 21. Warrants for the payment of moneys appropriated for the use of the Fire Department shall be drawn by the Chief Engineer, and shall be of the following form :

FIRE DEPARTMENT, Philadelphia, _____, 185

To _____, City Treasurer.

Pay _____ or order, _____ dollars for (here describe the services or materials, as the case may be,) and charge the same to appropriation made to this department for (here insert the item of appropriation.)

_____, Chief Engineer.

Approved and countersigned.

_____, City Controller.

SECTION 22. At the time of issue of every such warrant, the said Engineers shall take and keep a receipt therefor, which shall specify its number, date, amount

and the services or supplies for payment of which it issued. And every warrant shall be accompanied by a bill, which shall contain the items which compose the sum for which payment is to be made; it shall be presented to the Controller and filed by him.

SECTION 23. The Chief Engineer shall give bond with two or more securities to the City of Philadelphia in the sum of \$10,000, to be approved by Councils, for the faithful performance of his duties.

SECTION 24. That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of each Fire Company in the City of Philadelphia, to furnish, under oath, to the Secretary of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, annually, in the month of January, a list of all the members, stating active, honorary and contributing, with their age, residence and occupation.

SECTION 25. That so much of any ordinance as is inconsistent herewith, be and the same is hereby repealed.

A SUPPLEMENT

To an Ordinance, approved January 30th, 1855, entitled "An Ordinance to Re-organize the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia."

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the Board of Directors of the Fire Department shall, at their stated meeting in August, 1856, and at the same time in every second year thereafter, make general nominations for a Chief Engineer of the said department, and shall cause a list of the nominations thus made to be forwarded immediately to each company represented in the said Board; and each of said companies shall, at a meeting thereof respectively, to be held on the second Monday in September following, vote for a Chief Engineer from the nominations thus made and furnished; and the President and Secretary of said companies, respectively, shall make out a certificate under their hands and seals, setting forth the name of the person receiving the highest vote in such company for Chief Engineer, which certificate they shall seal up

and forward to the Board of Directors at their meeting to be held on the Tuesday evening following, at 8 o'clock; and the certificates thus received by the said Board shall be opened by the President thereof and read aloud; and the person having the highest number of companies shall be nominated to the Select Council for Chief Engineer, and if confirmed by the said Council he shall be the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department until his successor be duly appointed. That should any vacancy occur by death or rejection of any nominee, or otherwise, said vacancy shall be filled in the manner hereinbefore provided; or should the Board of Directors of the Fire Department and the Fire Companies neglect or refuse to make the nominations as herein provided, and return the same to Select Council for confirmation for the space of sixty days after the time herein provided, that then the Select and Common Councils shall in joint meeting proceed to elect the Chief and Assistant Engineers as provided by this ordinance.

SECTION 2. From and after the first day of September ensuing the passage hereof, the number of Assistant Engineers shall be five, one for each fire division as hereinbefore constituted, in lieu of the number provided in the ordinance to which this is a supplement, who shall be elected and confirmed at the same time and in the same manner as is herein provided for the election of Chief Engineer, provided that the Companies in each fire division shall elect the Assistant Engineer for the division in which they are respectively located.

SECTION 3. From and after the passage hereof, the City shall be divided into seven Fire Districts, to be numbered respectively, the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Districts.

The First, Second and Third Districts shall be and remain as the same are defined and described in the ordinance to which this is a supplement.

The Fourth District shall comprise all the territory in the said City lying between Callowhill street on the south, and Allegheny avenue on the north, and between the Delaware and Schuylkill rivers.

The Fifth District shall comprise all the territory in the said City lying north of Allegheny avenue and between the river Delaware and Broad street.

The Sixth District shall comprise all the said territory north of Allegheny avenue and west of Broad street.

The Seventh District shall comprise that portion of the City which is west of the river Schuylkill.

SECTION 4. From and after the first day of September next, the said districts shall be formed into divisions, as follows: the First and Second Districts shall constitute the first division; the Third and Fourth Districts the second; the Fifth District the third; the Sixth District the fourth, and the Seventh District the fifth. It shall be the duty of each Assistant Engineer to attend all fires occurring in his division, and in case of the companies located in his divisions being called into another division, he shall accompany them and assist the Chief Engineer in the performance of his duties.

SECTION 5. The several fire companies located in the First District shall only aid and assist in the extinguishment of such fires as may occur in the First, Second and Third Districts. The companies located in the Second District shall only aid and assist at such fires as may occur in the First, Second, Third and Seventh Districts. Those located in the Third District shall only aid and assist at such fires as may occur in the Second, Third, Fourth and Seventh Districts. The companies in the Fourth District shall only aid and assist at such fires as may occur in the Third, Fourth, Fifth and Seventh Districts. Those in the Fifth District shall only aid and assist at such fires as may occur in the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Districts. Those in the Sixth District shall only aid and assist at such fires as may occur in the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Districts. Those in the Seventh District shall only aid and assist at such fires as may occur in the Second, Third, Fourth and Seventh Districts. None of the said companies shall pass into any other fire district than such as are herein specified, except upon the requisition of the Chief or Assistant Engineer of the division wherein a fire may occur.

SECTION 6. That each hose company shall be required to carry at least eight hundred feet of serviceable hose. No fire company shall receive any appropriation from the City unless its apparatus is in perfect condition, and has performed or been prepared to perform active service for at least nine months in each year.

SECTION 7. The number of active members of the several fire companies shall be as follows: hose and hook and ladder companies not to exceed thirty, and engine companies fifty: *Provided*, That any company having a first-class engine, or a combined apparatus, may have an additional number of members, but in no case shall the whole number exceed seventy-five: *And provided further*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to relate or refer to contributing or honorary members, or be held to impair or interfere with any privileges which as such members they are entitled to enjoy by the laws of the companies of which they are members aforesaid.

SECTION 8. Whenever complaint is made to Councils of any fire company, as described in the ordinance to which this is a supplement, it shall be the duty of the Chief Engineer to suspend such company from active service until Councils shall adjudicate upon such complaint, as provided in the said ordinance.

SECTION 9. The list of members of fire companies, which the secretaries thereof are required by the ordinance, to which this is a supplement, to furnish annually to the Secretary of the Chief Engineer, shall be signed by the President of such company and have the seal thereof attached thereto, without other or further verification.

SECTION 10. That on and after the first day of September next, the Chief Engineer shall receive an annual salary of twelve hundred dollars, and the Assistant Engineers shall receive an annual salary of four hundred dollars each.

SECTION 11. Any company that may be found guilty under the provisions of the twentieth section of the ordinance, to which this is a supplement, may be sus-

pended from service for such time as Councils may determine, or be dismissed from the Department.

SECTION 12. That all fines and penalties collected by the Board of Directors from any company or companies, for disobedience of, or resistance to the rules and regulations adopted by the said Board, shall be paid over to the Treasurer of the Association for the relief of disabled Firemen.

SECTION 13. That the power and authority conferred upon the Chief Engineer by the ordinance to which this is a supplement, to inquire into the origin of fires and to collect the information therein directed, be and is hereby also conferred upon the Secretary, under the direction of the Chief Engineer.

SECTION 14. That in the elections herein provided for, no person shall be entitled to vote in any company unless he has been a member thereof at least two months prior to such election.

SECTION 15. That the salary of the Secretary of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department shall be eight hundred dollars per annum, to date from the first of January, 1856.

SECTION 16. That the Chief Engineer and Assisants shall be required, in making their quarterly statements to Councils, to accompany it by an oath or affirmation, setting forth the number, and at which of said fires the Chief and Assistants were respectively in attendance, and the causes of absence therefrom, if any.

SECTION 17. So much of the ordinance to which this is a supplement, as is inconsistent herewith, be and the same is hereby repealed.

W. P. HACKER

President of Common Council.

JOHN P. VERREE,

President of Select Council.

ATTEST,

JOHN M. RILEY,

Clerk of Common Council.

Approved the Fifth day of March, A. D., 1856.

R. T. CONRAD, *Mayor.*

A SUPPLEMENT

To an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to Re-organize the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia," as approved January 30, 1855.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the boundaries of the First, Second, Third and Fourth Districts, as provided for by the ordinance to which this is a supplement be and the same is hereby altered as follows:

The First District shall comprise all the territory in said city lying south of the line of Spruce street, from the river Delaware to the river Schuylkill.

The Second District shall comprise all the territory in said city lying between the line of Spruce street on the south, and Race street on the north, from the river Delaware to the river Schuylkill.

The Third District shall comprise all the territory in said city lying between the line of Race street on the south, and Green street on the north, from the river Delaware to the river Schuylkill.

The Fourth District shall comprise all the territory in the said city lying between the line of Green street on the south and Allegheny avenue on the north, and from the river Delaware to the river Schuylkill.

APPENDIX No. 125.

REPORT OF CHIEF ENGINEER WATER DEPARTMENT.

DEPARTMENT FOR SUPPLYING THE CITY WITH WATER, {
JANUARY, 1857. }

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia:*

GENTLEMEN—In compliance with the ordinance organizing this Department, I respectfully submit the following report for the year 1856. It embraces, in addition to the statements of its general alterations for that period, remarks upon the condition and capacity of the several Water Works, the means adopted to promote their efficiency, and suggestions of improvements which, in my judgment, are necessary to render them equal to the wants of the City in the early future.

FAIRMOUNT WORKS.

These works have been examined with a care due to their importance, and it has been found that excessive work, and the effects of age, have greatly impaired their condition. Some important parts of the wood work, not open to the public view, are so much decayed as to require to be rebuilt.

Wheel No. 4 was so much worn, that nothing short of a thorough renewal of all but the iron work, could make it reliable. This is in progress now. Several of the other wheels, and some of the gates, require minor repairs, all of which are receiving attention.

The pumps have been overhauled, and all of them, except No. 4, will be in effective order for the heavy Summer work. This one is entirely too light to pump into the new basin.

DAM.

The dam was thoroughly inspected in August last, and it was found that the part of the structure where the water in front is deepest, had settled about twelve inches. It was discovered also, that the stone filling-in at the foundation had been washed out. All this has been radically repaired. The filling-in has been re-

placed with heavy stone up to low water mark—the dam has been substantially made up to its proper level—a new ice break has been erected in place of the old one, which was rotten from age, and the whole structure is now in excellent order, and in my judgment perfectly secure.

RESERVOIRS AND GROUNDS.

The basins and grounds required but slight repairs, At a few points gullies and washes were being formed by the water from heavy rains, and were defacing the beauty of the place. These have been filled up, sodded, and their re-occurrence prevented by the erection of stone walls. The usual yearly repairs will leave the grounds in fine order, and nothing in the way of improvements can be suggested but to light them with gas, which, it seems to me, should be done without delay. As the Fairmount Water Works and Grounds are objects of just pride with the citizens of Philadelphia, and much visited by strangers, in the evening as well as in the day, it is surprising that gas lights have never been introduced. The brilliant lighting of the place at night, besides adding to its beauty, would have the incidental effect to abate some abuses that are well known to exist.

WORK, DUTY, &c.

During the month of July the breast wheel's worked an average of sixteen hours and three minutes a day. This is within two hours of their maximum, as for a period of about six hours each day the running of the breast wheels must be suspended on account of the tides and the low water on the dam. The turbine wheel averaged twenty-one hours and eighteen minutes, which was very nearly all the time it had a supply of water. For several days in July the wheels were stopped for three hours at a time, because of the lowness of the water in the dam, and on these days, while there was water sufficient, the pumps were worked to their full capacity without making any increase in the basins.

This is an important fact, and should receive the timely consideration of Councils. To exhibit how closely the present demands upon the Fairmount Works approach to their full capacity, and to suggest how soon they must prove unequal to the wants of that part of the City which they supply, the following figures are presented. The full capacity of the present wheels and pumps, working 18 hours per day, is 12,727,708 gallons. The average consumption per day in

July, 1856, was - - - 11,445,891 "

Leaving an excess of capacity beyond the demand of - - - 1,281,817 "

As the increase in consumption in July 1856, over July 1855, amounted to 2,032,674 gallons, it requires but a short calculation to show that this rate of increase will, at no distant period, tax the power of the Fairmount Works to the utmost. The Reservoirs of the Fairmount Works, including the new one on Corinthian Avenue, furnish storage to the amount of 57,642,787 gallons.

This is about equal to five days' supply in July and August. The following statement exhibits in tabular form the amount of duty performed by these works during the year 1856.

ACCOUNT

Of the consumption of water and operation of the Fairmount Water Works, during the year 1856—being for the supply of the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Wards of the City.

NINE WHEELS.

MONTHS.	Total quantity of water pump'd during the year, wine gallons.	Average amount of water pumped per day.	No. hours the breast wheel worked.	No. hours each wheel worked per day.	No. hours the turbine worked.	No. hours turbine worked.	Average No. of water over Dam.	Average depth of water over Dam.	Average rain fall—Inches.
January,	160,654,084	5,182,369	2084 $\frac{1}{2}$	8.24	53 $\frac{1}{2}$	1.43	7.48	4.54	
February,	150,671,649	5,195,574	1934	8.20	68 $\frac{1}{2}$	2.21	5.72	1.23	
March,	171,640,857	5,536,801	2257	9.06	31	1.00	10.19	12.23	
April,	209,704,200	6,990,646	2620	10.55	158	5.16	14.50	3.52	
May,	251,927,209	8,126,684	3089 $\frac{1}{2}$	12.27	240 $\frac{1}{2}$	7.45	9.70	2.59	
June,	255,506,833	9,516,895	3538	14.44	240 $\frac{1}{2}$	8.01	6.63	1.98	
July,	354,822,048	11,445,891	3983	16.03	660 $\frac{1}{2}$	21.18	6.29	1.51	
August,	290,979,768	9,336,444	3633	14.40	217	7.00	7.64	6.00	
September,	295,683,070	9,856,102	3595 $\frac{1}{2}$	14.58	309	10.18	7.90	4.01	
October,	305,686,202	9,861,167	3672	14.48	359	11.34	9.96	1.30	
November,	236,881,963	7,896,065	2943	12.15	192 $\frac{1}{2}$	6.25	6.60	2.07	
December,	153,030,462	4,936,466	2627	10.35	261 $\frac{1}{2}$	8.26	11.41	2.94	
TOTAL,	2867,188,965	7,833,849	35981 $\frac{1}{2}$	12.17	2791 $\frac{1}{2}$	7.37	8.73		

The greatest depth of water running over the Dam, was on Tuesday, August 5, when the depth was two feet six inches.

SCHUYLKILL WORKS.

The power at the Schuylkill Works is supplied by four steam engines, three of which are known as Engines Nos. 1, 2, 3, and the fourth as the Cornish Engine. Nos. 1 and 2 are expansive condensing engines, with 36-inch cylinders and six feet stroke, cutting off steam at three feet, and each one drives a double-acting pump, eighteen inches in diameter and of six feet stroke, placed in the same vertical line with the steam cylinder.

The pistons of the pumps and cylinder moving together, these engines require overhauling and slight repairs, which will place them in order for the coming season.

To ensure efficiency to the works, however, one of the valve boxes of pump attached to No. 2 [which has been cracked some time] should be replaced by a new one.

No. 3 is an expansive condensing engine with a vertical cylinder, thirty-six inches in diameter and six feet stroke, cutting off steam at three feet, and connected by a bell crank beam, with a horizontal pump, twenty-two and one-half inches in diameter and four feet stroke.

This engine has been recently overhauled and put in good order. Engines Nos. 1, 2 and 3 are supplied with steam from the same boilers.

These appear to be in perfect condition.

The grates and furnaces require some slight repairs.

These three engines are never idle all at the same time, some one being always at work, which arrangement prevents waste of fuel by standing.

In testing together the duty of Nos. 1, 2 and 3, which it has been remarked, were run from the same boilers, I find they have raised 29,557 gallons with 100 lbs. of coal.

Engine No. 4 is a regular beam Cornish Engine, with steam cylinder sixty inches in diameter and ten feet stroke, cutting off steam at seventeen inches, and driving a pump thirty inches in diameter, with ten feet stroke. The operation of this engine had been delayed a long time for want of sufficient foundations and other facilities for erecting it properly, and because when started it was discovered that it could not be worked, without

danger of bursting the main with which it was connected, or doing essential damage to the engine itself. This latter cause led to the erection of a stand pipe at the Schuylkill Works. From the time when the stand pipe was finished, to July last, when the department was committed to my charge, the engine, which was at that time being painted, had only been run at intervals, for the purpose of trial and adjustment. It was started for permanent duty in August last, and since that period has been worked with successful and satisfactory results. For its duty prior to August, I cannot vouch, as the accounts of the coal it consumed and the pumping it performed were kept in a manner too loose and incorrect to be of value in deciding results. The engineers have since been enjoined to be careful and accurate, and the statements in the table annexed, giving the duty performed by the engine, may be relied on as correct. The Cornish Engine is run only in the day time, the fires being pushed back at night and covered up. In computing the work of the engine, no allowance has been made for this, as all the coal used for covering up the fires at night, and starting in the morning, has been charged to the engine. No allowance has been made for friction.

Steam is used at a pressure of forty pounds.

The duty of the engine, calculated and charged as above, shows an average for five months of 40,198 gallons, raised 115 feet high, through a main 3250 feet long, for every hundred pounds of coal.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.—SCHUYLKILL WORKS.

The buildings attached to these works, with the exception of some unimportant repairs and repainting, are now in good order.

The condition of the grounds and reservoirs is also good.

An exhibit of the maximum capacity of the Schuylkill works, the heaviest demands upon them in July, 1856, and the increase of consumption during the last year, over 1855, is presented by the following figures, and may be useful for reference and comparison.

The maximum capacity of Schuyl-
kill Works per day, working 24
hours, is 12,418,560 gallons.

The heaviest consumption in July,
1856, was 7,328,077 "

Leaving an excess of capacity,
over the demand of 1856, of 5,090,483 "

The increase in the daily con-
sumption from the Schuylkill
Works, in July, 1856, over July,
1855, was 1,612,388

There is storage in the reservoirs
attached to the Schuylkill Works
equal to 11,963,636

which, under ordinary circumstances, is not sufficient for
two days' supply.

Annexed is a table of the duty performed by these
works during the year 1856.

ACCOUNT

Of the consumption of water and the operation of the Schuylkill Steam Works, during
the year 1856—being for the supply of the Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth,
Fifteenth and Twentieth Wards of the City.

ENGINES Nos. 1, 2 and 3.

MONTHS.	Total quan- tity of wa- ter pump'd during the year; wine gallons.	Average amo't of wa- ter pumped per day.	Total amount of coal con- sumed du- ring the year.			Average amo't of coal used per day.			Average num- ber of hours the Engine run per day.	Average num- ber of hours the Engine run per day.
			Tons.	Cwt	Qrs	Tons.	Cwt	Qrs		
January,	95,991,520	3,096,500	153	18	1	4	19	1	8.18	
February,	83,455,520	2,877,775	151	6	0	5	4	1	7.15	
March,	102,055,040	3,292,098	169	7	2	5	9	1	9.03	
April,	110,956,960	3,698,565	170	11	3	5	13	2	9.52	
May,	119,535,620	3,868,890	182	1	0	5	17	1	11.36	
June,	172,528,640	5,750,954	184	13	2	6	3	0	13.33	
July,	255,092,800	* 8,228,800	335	8	1	10	16	1	20.01	
August,	180,917,600	5,836,051	258	4	1	8	6	2	13.42	
September,	167,455,120	5,582,170	258	17	1	8	12	2	13.20	
October,	133,631,840	4,310,704	230	7	0	7	8	2	10.41	
November,	115,540,800	3,851,360	202	14	3	6	15	0	9.22	
December,	92,438,880	2,981,899	161	12	2	5	4	1	7.34	
TOTAL,	1,629,610,340	4,452,487	2459	2	0	6	14		10.39	

Average amount of coal consumed per day, 6 tons, 14 cwt., 0 qrs.

* The daily consumption in July, 1856, by that part of the City supplied from these
works, was less than the amount in the table—being really but 7,328,077 gallons; the
excess was furnished to the Kensington Basins, during the ten days the Delaware Works
were suspended.

ACCOUNT

Of the consumption of water and operation of the Schuylkill Steam Works, during the year 1856—being for the supply of the Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth and Twentieth Wards of the City.

CORNISH ENGINE.

MONTHS.	Total quantity of water pump'd during the year; wine gallons.	Average amount of water pumped per day.	Total amount of coal consumed during the year			Number of strokes the engine made	No. of hours the engine worked.	Average No. of hours the engine run per day.	Average No. of
			Tons.	Cwt	Qrs				
January,	10,374,840	334,672	15	10	2	28,980	69	2.13	
February,	23,606,520	814,017	35	6	2	65,940	157	5.24	
March,	7,066,920	227,965	10	11	2	19,740	47	1.30	
April,	23,456,160	781,872	35	4	1	65,520	156 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.13	
May,	22,578,702	728,345	40	12	1	63,069	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	5.49	
June,	27,179,002	905,966	40	10	0	75,919	180	6.00	
July,									
August,	37,599,592	1,212,890	50	0	1	105,024	244	7.52	
September,	41,468,572	1,382,285	51	7	1	115,834	236 $\frac{1}{2}$	7.53	
October,	45,337,836	1,462,510	49	16	1	120,642	245 $\frac{1}{2}$	7.55	
November,	62,173,860	2,072,462	58	2	1	173,670	340 $\frac{1}{2}$	11.21	
December,	50,185,156	1,615,650	53	13	0	140,182	286	9.13	
TOTAL,	351,027,160	1,047,842	440	14	0	980,520	2142 $\frac{1}{2}$	6.23	

Average amount of coal consumed per day, 1 ton, 6 cwt., 1 qr.

DELAWARE WORKS.

At these works the power is supplied by two steam engines. One is a high pressure engine, driving a double acting pump eighteen inches in diameter, six feet stroke; the other is a low pressure engine, driving a double acting pump nineteen inches in diameter, six feet stroke. Both engines have been recently overhauled, and are in good order. The pumps require essential repairs; each one having a defective valve box. These cannot be repaired so as to be reliable for hard service, and should be wholly renewed. Otherwise the machinery is in effective condition. Originally there were six cylinder boilers erected for the high pressure engine, which were altered during the time of my predecessor. These boilers were raised for both the high and low pressure engines, and at times were used to run them both together, which could not be done to advantage, as when the steam was at a proper pressure for the high pressure engine it was too high for the condensing engine, and it was extremely difficult to regulate the steam so as to run both engines at the same time. After the change in the cylinder boilers, the tubular boiler

was set back at a distance of 40 feet from the chimney, and a culvert constructed under the house for draught. This, from the dampness of its location, failed to be effective. To remedy the defect I have had an iron flue extended from the boiler to the chimney, and yet, with all the disadvantage of remoteness from the chimney, and the want of protecting walls to prevent the radiation of heat, the tubular boiler proves to be more economical in coal than the others. By putting the tubular boiler in effective working order, the further advantage is secured of having independent boilers for each engine, which brings all the machinery under better control.

BASINS OF DELAWARE WORKS AND SOURCE OF SUPPLY.

It will be remembered by Councils that in July last, it became necessary, on account of the impure character of the water supplied from the Delaware Works, to make a thorough examination of the basins and the water in the vicinity of the works. In the course of the investigation I deemed it proper to have a quantity of the water, taken from the basins, submitted to Professor Booth, for analysis, his opinion of which is contained in the following note:

PHILADELPHIA, July 27, 1856.

The water from the Kensington Water Works, abounding with scum and sediment, is so foul, from putrifying organic matter, apparently of animal origin, that a chemical examination of it would be useless. I would not be willing, personally, to use the water from which the sample was drawn, nor even water that had a remote connection with it, believing it to be injurious to health.

Yours, respectfully,

JAMES C. BOOTH.

*To Samuel Ogden, Esq., Chief Engineer
of Water Department.*

The causes of this foul condition of the water were found, in part, in the fact that the dock on the north line of the works had been used as a depot for cleansing fish for several years, and a large quantity of decomposed fish offal had accumulated on the bottom. The trunk

through which the water is drawn from the river, being of planks and very leaky, and at one point exposed to the foul water of this dock, gave it ready admission, and thus it found its way to the basin. To remedy the evil, the water was drawn off from the basins, which were thoroughly cleansed—the wooden trunk was repaired, and the dock was cleaned out, by order of the Board of Health. From that time there has been less complaint of the quality of the water.

It is my duty, however, to say, that there are other causes of impurity in the Delaware water at the point where the works are situated, that cannot be so readily removed.

The pumps are located in a bend of the river where an eddy is formed, and the filthy water from Gunner's Run, and from the City drainage into the docks, instead of being carried away by the tide currents, remains in the eddy and is drawn into the pumps.

This must, in course of time, again place the basins in the condition which they were found in July last. In another part of this communication the entire abandonment of these works is suggested, for other reasons and the facts above referred to, affecting the character of the water, give the recommendation additional force.

The basins and grounds of the Delaware Works are now in good order.

Should the Delaware Works be continued as a source of supply for the north-eastern Wards of the City, the increased consumption will make it necessary for another connecting main.

There is now but one, and that is but eighteen inches in diameter, and obstructed by three angles.

It has also the drawback of being 12,000 feet in length. This creates a heavy and unprofitable load for the engines.

During a part of the past year it became necessary to run both engines at once, and experiments made at the time, to test the pressuse on the main, gave the following results:—

When both engines were standing, the pressure was fifty pounds per inch. When one engine was running, at twelve revolutions, the pressure was sixty-three

pounds, and when both were running, making together twenty revolutions per minute, the pressure was eighty-seven pounds.

This amount of pressure endangers both the main and the machinery, and besides, consumes almost double the fuel that would be required to raise the same quantity of water if there was a sufficiency of main, thus making it at present inexpedient and hazardous to run the two engines at one time.

In averaging the work done by these engines during the year, I find they raise 22,349 wine gallons 112 feet high, with 100 lbs. of best quality Lehigh coal, while at the Schuylkill Works, engines not any better adapted to economise coal, raise 29,557 gallons 115 feet high with 100 lbs. of Schuylkill coal.

The difference against the engines at the Delaware Works, is chiefly chargeable upon the great length of the ascending main.

The Reservoirs connected with the Delaware Works furnish a storage equal to 11,333,747 wine gallons.

A table exhibiting the amount of water furnished by the Delaware Works during the year 1856, is appended.

ACCOUNT

Of the consumption of water and the operation of the Delaware Works, during the year 1856—being for the supply of the Sixteenth, Seventeenth, Eighteenth, Nineteenth and part of Twenty-third Wards of the City.

ENGINES Nos. 1 and 2.

MONTHS.	Total quantity of water pumped during the year—wine gallons.	Average amount of water pumped per day.	Total amount of coal consumed during the year			Amount of coal used per day Engine run.			No. of hours the Engine run.	Average No. of hours Engines run per day.
			Tons.	Cwt	Qrs	Tons.	Cwt	Qrs		
January,	63,817,380	2,058,625	98	13	2	3	3	2	579	18.40
February,	47,284,380	1,630,495	75	9	0	2	12	0	429	14.47
March,	47,780,370	1,541,302	97	7	0	3	2	3	433 ¹ / ₂	13.59
April,	53,677,140	1,789,238	109	7	0	3	12	3	487	16.14
May,	68,226,180	2,200,844	127	2	0	4	2	0	619	19.58
June,	68,115,960	2,270,532	118	6	0	3	18	3	618	20.36
July,	58,637,040	* 2,792,240	118	17	0	5	13	0	532	25.20
August,	81,725,130	2,636,391	180	0	0	5	16	0	741 ¹ / ₂	23.55
September,	70,430,580	2,347,686	181	1	0	6	0	2	639	21.18
October,	79,358,400	2,559,948	176	11	0	5	13	3	720	23.13
November,	68,556,840	2,285,228	124	3	0	4	2	3	622	20.44
December,	61,953,640	1,998,504	127	0	0	4	0	1	562	18.07
TOTAL,	769,566,040	2,102,639	1533	16	2	4	4	0	6982	19.04

Average amount of coal consumed per day, 4 tons, 4 cwt.

* The Engines in July were both stopped for ten days, for repairs to Kensington Reservoir, and the daily average is calculated only for the twenty-one days when the Engines worked.

TWENTY-FOURTH WARD WORKS.

These works are situated on the west bank of the Schuylkill, above the Fairmount dam, and are designed to supply that part of the City lying west of the river. The power is supplied by two direct acting Cornish bull engines, both made from the same patterns. The steam cylinders are fifty inches in diameter, with eight feet stroke: the pumps are seventeen inches in diameter and eight feet stroke, the steam pistons and plungers being in the same vertical line and moving together. Each engine has a gang of two Cornish boilers.

The Twenty-fourth Ward Works were erected by contract, and accepted by my predecessor. A condition of the contract required the contractors to run the engines and maintain the works one year at their own expense. This period having terminated on the first day of September, the works were delivered over to my charge. The machinery was found to be very defective in many parts and worked roughly. Since then, however, it has been much improved, and other alterations are still to be made. Taking into consideration the circumstances that these engines have to be kept constantly fired up, and that they have to be started and stopped about twice in every hour (which places them at great disadvantage,) they are now doing a very satisfactory duty.

STORAGE AT TWENTY-FOURTH WARD WORKS.

For storage and head for the Works in the Twenty-fourth Ward, there is a stand pipe, one hundred and thirty feet high and five feet in diameter, situated on an elevated piece of ground, at a distance of 1820 feet from the engines. The distributing main is extended up in the stand pipe one hundred feet, leaving but thirty feet for storage.

This I consider altogether wrong. The pumping main should have been carried up in the stand pipe, and not in the distributing main. By this plan there would have been a much greater amount of storage, and there would still have been the same even load upon the engines. As at present constructed, the whole amount of storage subject to be drawn off by the distributing main,

is less than five thousand gallons. Had the mains been constructed as before mentioned, the grounds on which the stand pipe is erected being high, the consumers might have had the benefit of a good head with but sixty feet of water in the stand pipe.

These works should have a reservoir which could be supplied from the stand pipe, and I recommend to Councils to take some action towards securing a proper site, as one can be had on better terms at present than when the few places suitable for such a purpose become improved.

With a reservoir the ordinary expenses of the works could be very much reduced, as a steady supply could then be kept up without running the engines at night. This would dispense with one set of hands, and reduce the amount of coal consumed. There would, in my judgment, be another good result following such an improvement.

The citizens in the vicinity supplied by these works have not sufficient confidence in the storage, as furnished by the stand pipe, to induce them to abandon their pumps. Such confidence would be inspired by the construction of a reservoir, and the water duplicate of the ward would soon show a gratifying increase.

The foundation of the stand pipe is exposed, and is not only subject to injury thereby, but the unsightly walls detract very much from the general beauty of the structure.

To carry out the original design, the earth around the base of the pipe should be raised about five feet, with a gradual fall to the level of the surrounding ground. It should also be sodded. Some mason work will be required, as there should be steps to the door of entrance to the stairway.

These improvements can all be made at a small cost, and will greatly enhance the beauty of the grounds.

It is necessary for the engineer at the 24th Ward Works to know when there is a fire in the ward, for if he does not, the supply of water would soon fall short. But, on account of their distance from the built up portion of the ward, and being situated on very low ground, the engineer is without any means of knowing

when a fire occurs. To obviate this, I recommend the extension of a telegraph wire from the ward station-house to the works, so that the engineer may be enabled to keep up a full supply during the continuance of the fire. There can be no doubt that a far more eligible site for these works could have been selected, but as they are already constructed, and there is very little probability that they will be abandoned, I deem it unnecessary to go into any extended remarks upon the subject.

The roofs of the boiler houses (which are of slate, on iron frames, and very defective in workmanship and materials,) are in very bad condition. Some improvement has been made to the coal shutes. They were formerly about three feet above the floor of the boiler house, and on that account very inconvenient.

They are now graded to the same level.

The following table shows the amount of duty performed by the 24th Ward Works during the year 1856:

ACCOUNT

Of the consumption of water and the operation of the Twenty-fourth Ward Steam Works, during the year 1856—being for the supply of the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City.

ENGINES Nos. 1 and 2.

MONTHS.	Total quantity of water pumped during the year—wine gallons.	Average amount of water pumped per day.	Total amount of coal consumed during the year	Average lbs. of coal used per day.	Average No. strokes the engine made per day
January,	3,594,420	115,949	31,350	1012	1288
February,	3,854,520	132,914	25,300	872	1476
March,	3,550,410	114,529	29,004	936	1272
April,	3,414,420	113,814	24,225	808	1264
May,	4,071,062	131,324	24,650	795	1459
June,	4,418,100	147,270	26,450	881	1636
July,	5,521,860	178,124	33,000	1065	1979
August,	4,341,690	140,054	33,150	1069	1556
September,	3,850,650	128,355	31,970	1066	1426
October,	5,568,930	179,642	35,840	1156	1996
November,	4,851,900	161,730	40,820	1344	1797
December,	5,539,680	178,699	34,100	1100	1985
TOTAL,	52,577,642	143,654	369,859	1010	1600

Average amount of coal consumed per day, 1,010 lbs.

Total amount of Water pumped by all the Works except Twenty-fourth Ward.

RECAPITULATION.

Months.	Total quantity of water pumped each month during year. Wine gallons.	Average amount of water pumped per day during the year. Wine gallons.	Average tem- perature of the month at noon. Degrees.	Average amount of rain fell. Inches.
January,	330,837,824	10,672,187	28.3	4.54
February,	305,018,069	10,517,864	32.7	1.23
March,	328,543,187	10,598,167	40.	2.23
April,	397,794,460	13,259,815	52.4	3.52
May,	462,267,711	14,911,861	67.	2.59
June,	553,330,455	18,444,348	82.9	1.98
July,	668,552,488	21,566,209	87.9	1.51
August,	591,225,090	19,071,777	79.1	6.
September,	575,047,342	19,168,244	73.8	4.01
October,	564,014,278	18,194,008	60.	1.30
November,	483,153,462	16,105,115	51.5	2.07
December,	423,576,958	11,532,520	36.9	2.94
Total,	5,683,361,324	15,528,309	58.6	33.92

The following table exhibits the average monthly fall of rain during the last nineteen years:—

Months.	Inches.	Months.	Inches.
January,	3.09	July,	4.14
February,	2.93	August,	4.67
March,	3.43	September,	3.52
April,	3.60	October,	3.18
May,	3.89	November,	3.35
June,	3.57	December,	4.03

The greatest fall of rain for any month in these nineteen years was 11.80 inches, which was in July, 1842. The least was one-quarter inch, which was in September, 1846. The average yearly rain fall for these nineteen years was 43.62 inches. The greatest yearly rain fall in these nineteen years was 55.5 inches, which was in 1841; and the least in the year 1856. The above information was received through the politeness of John Conrad, M. D., of the Pennsylvania Hospital. The average temperature of the month was received through the politeness of J. A. McAllister & Brother, No. 194 Chestnut street.

In July, 1856, the demands upon all the works, east of the Schuylkill, were very heavy, and a comparison of the daily consumption, during that month, with the maximum daily capacity of the works, and the increase of daily consumption in July, 1856, over July, 1855,

presents some interesting and important subjects for consideration.

	Wine galls.	Wine galls.	Wine galls.
The maximum daily capacity of Fairmount Works, working 9 wheels, 18 hours, is	12,727,708		
The average daily consumption from same works, in July, 1856, was	11,445,891		
Leaving a daily excess of	—————	1,281,817	
The increase of daily consumption in July, 1855, over July, 1856, was			2,032,674
The maximum daily capacity of the Schuylkill Works, working 24 hours, is	12,418,560		
The average daily consumption in July, 1856, by that part of the city supplied from Sch. Works, was	7,328,077		
Leaving a daily excess of		5,090,483	
The increase of daily consumption in July, 1856, over July, 1855, was			1,612,388
The maximum daily capacity of the Delaware Works, with but one ascending main, is placed at what was done in July, 1856, as any greater duty would endanger both machinery and main. This was	2,792,240		
The average daily consumption in July, 1856, by that part of the city supplied by Delaware Works, was	2,792,240		
The increase of daily consumption in July, 1856, over July, 1855, was			1,026,135.
The total daily excess of capacity over consumption in July, 1856, was		6,372,300	
The total increase of daily consumption in July, 1856, over July, 1855, was			4,671,197

The most cursory examination of the foregoing table will not fail to draw attention to the fact that the Delaware Works, as at present constructed, must soon fail to supply that part of the city to which they are now, and were originally devoted.

If they are still to supply that section, and the consumption continues to increase in the ratio of the last year, both engines will have to be worked at the same time, and this cannot be done without an additional ascending main.

There will also be required a new distributing main, as at many points there is now a short supply. As the ascending main of the Delaware Works is 12000 feet long, and the distributing main not much less, it will at once be seen that these additions will involve a heavy expense. This, however, is but one of the means that may be adopted to ensure a better supply to that part of the city.

There is another, in my judgment, that is much preferable, because it not only answers the immediate purpose as well, but has several collateral advantages for present and future uses, and will not prove more expensive.

A connecting main, of large capacity, may be laid from the reservoirs of the Schuylkill Works to the reservoirs of the Delaware Works, on the high ground between the two points. The advantages of this plan are numerous.

First—It gives to the citizens supplied from the Kensington basins a supply of pure Schuylkill water, instead of that which experience has shown to be subject to contamination, and prejudicial to health.

Second—It will furnish, with a good head of water, the high portions of the 19th and 20th Wards, which are now virtually deprived of a supply.

The distance from basin to basin is sixteen thousand feet.

I have the heights taken between the two reservoirs, and find that this arrangement will give a head of fourteen feet above the highest curb in either of the Wards above mentioned.

Third—This plan looks to the entire abandonment of the Delaware Works, because their operation through a

long main is more expensive than the plan now presented, because they are unequal to the service they have to perform, and because the water is impure.

It should be remarked, also, that in this view the present ascending main of the Delaware Works can be used to advantage as a distributing main, and thus avoid the expense of another.

By reference to the preceding table, it will be seen, also, that another year of increased consumption, in the ratio of the past, will over-reach the power of the Fairmount Works in the month of July.

This leads to the consideration of the subject of additional works.

The present embarrassed state of the finances of the City caused me to question the propriety of recommending any matters involving heavy expenses; but as the construction of additional water works is a subject involving the convenience, comfort and health of the people of the City, and is, moreover, one that cannot be considered too early, it rises superior to the causes that impel me to omit it in this report.

There is no other available source for a supply of pure water to Philadelphia than the Schuylkill. The limit to a supply by water power is already reached, as will be seen upon reference to what has been previously said of the Fairmount Works, thirty gallons being used for power to raise one gallon for consumption.

Steam power must therefore be applied in any addition that may be made to the present works.

In this connection another consideration presents itself, and that is the selection of the most eligible site.

The new works, when erected, should be so situated as to be able to supply, through the shortest possible main, either the Fairmount, Schuylkill or Delaware basin.

Such a location is presented in that part of the Lemon Hill property known as Lloyd's Canal. No greater length of main than three thousand feet would be required for either of the reservoirs, if the Schuylkill and Delaware Works are united. The erection of water works at this point would in no way interfere with the contemplated public park, embracing the same property,

as all the necessary structures could be made in ornamental style.

In contemplating this subject, I respectfully suggest to Councils, that as the matter is one of grave importance, and, from its character, will move slowly towards its consummation, it cannot be too soon considered.

That the table showing the great increase in consumption during the last year may not mislead Councils, it may be said that a part of the increase is due to the great amount of water then used in cleansing the streets.

The Police, by authority given by this Department to the Mayor, were permitted to use the fire plugs wherever, in their judgment, the public good required; and the exercise of this privilege, under the direction of the Mayor, had a salutary effect on the condition of the streets and the public health.

Hereafter this permission must necessarily be abridged.

One source of great waste of water, as well as of annoyance to people walking to and from their place of business, is the water fixtures known as wash paves.

These are frequently allowed to run for hours at a time, and some of them the greater portion of the day.

As a remedy, I suggest a regulation limiting their use to certain hours in the evening and early in the morning.

The short supply, and small head of water in several sections of the City, have engaged my attention in devising a remedy, and as sound policy dictates an increase of the present amount of storage, the subjects have been considered together.

The true remedy is to construct stand pipes at reservoirs, near certain centres of the distribution. There are hours of the day when the water is drawn from the main as fast as their capacity will supply it. Then certain localities suffer a deprivation. There are other parts of the day when their capacity is greatly in excess of the draught, and at these times, for want of storage at the proper points, the mains are idle. If they could be kept in operation at such hours, and had places of

storage in the immediate vicinity of a deficient distribution, the supply would be very nearly equalized.

Reservoirs, thus placed, furnish a steady head in the distributing mains, (any unusual draught being quickly felt and as quickly supplied,) and thus prevent the constant fluctuations to which all pipes are subject which draw their supply from a long distance.

In this connection, and for the purposes mentioned, I recommend that a reservoir be located in the south western part of the City, and that stand pipes of proper size and ornamental character, be erected in each of the public squares.

The remedy thus described can be applied without any material addition to the present distributing mains.

It gives me pleasure to state that since the department has been in my charge there has been no accident, nor any occurrence interrupting the successful operation of the works.

The attention of Councils is respectfully invited to the urgent necessity of providing additional office room for this department. The accommodations now furnished, are altogether inadequate to its enlarged and constantly increasing business, and it is out of the question to dispose of it as promptly as the officers and clerks desire, and as the citizens have a right to expect.

The total appropriations and the amount of warrants drawn upon them are as follows:—

Date of Appropriation.	Amount of Appropriation.	Expended.	Balance.
1856.			
March 11. General appropriation for the year,	\$140,800 00	\$138,854 85	\$1,845 15
March 11. For plugs at Germantown,	338 75	338 75	
For repairs to Fairmount Dam,	5,000 00	4,997 42	2 58
Berkenbine & Trotter, for balance of contract,	16,000 00	16,000 00	
Dec. 20. Damages for George Cubbler,	177 00	177 00	
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	\$162,315 75	\$160,368 02	\$1,847 73

Of the general appropriation for the year, approved March 11, 1856, the expenditures are as follows:—

	Delaware.	Schnylkill.	Fairmount.	24th Ward.	Total.
Power,	\$14,600 16	\$28,341 73	\$6,257 80	\$2,296 51	\$51,496 00
Iron pipes,	12,691 14	17,480 47	18,007 65	4,257 71	52,437 24
Distribution,	2,245 90	3,409 29	6,000 13	626 62	12,282 14
Maintenance,	1,530 25	2,492 51	2,360 92	558 49	6,942 17
Salaries,	4,333 65	4,333 65	4,333 65		13,000 95
Incidentals,	832 00	832 00	832 15	300 00	2,796 15
	<u>\$36,233 37</u>	<u>\$56,889 85</u>	<u>\$37,792 30</u>	<u>\$8,039 33</u>	<u>\$138,954 85</u>

The following amounts have been received by the Chief Engineer:—

1856.

Feb. 16.	Rent of lot, south of reservoir,	\$12 50
" 16.	Rent of lot, north of reservoir,	15 00
" 16.	Rent of dwelling,	7 00
" 16.	Six months' rent of wharf at Fairmount,	100 00
" 16.	Shifting fire plug for Reading Railroad,	24 57
April 10.	For price of old leather,	6 00
" 10.	Rent of lot, north of reservoir,	15 00
" 10.	Rent of lot, south of reservoir,	12 50
" 26.	For use of party wall in Cherry street,	93 63
May 31.	Rent of wharf at Kensington,	50 00
July 2.	Rent of wharf at Fairmount,	100 00
" 5.	Rent of lot, north of reservoir,	15 00
" 16.	Rent of lot, south of reservoir,	12 50
" 23.	Shifting fire plug in George street,	7 91
Oct. 1.	Rent of lot, south of reservoir,	12 50
" 1.	Rent of lot, north of reservoir,	15 00
Dec. 20.	Old scrap iron,	370 00
" 20.	Old scrap brass,	91 00
		<u>\$961 11</u>

Account of Iron Pipes laid in 1856, in the First, Second, Third and Fourth Wards.

Street.	Location.	Inches.	Feet.
Prichett, west of Thirteenth,		3	362
Anita, west of Twelfth,		3	333
Dorrance, from Carpenter to Prime,		3	410
Ward, from Carpenter to Prime,		3	410
Bedford, from Nineteenth to Twentieth,		3	460
Holly, from Fitzwater to Catharine,		3	355
	Attachments to fire plugs,	3	64
	Carried forward,	—	2,394

Street.	Location.	Inches.	Feet.	
	Amount brought forward,			2,394
Clymer,	from Sixth to Carpenter,	4	170	
Lewis,	from Sixth to Seventh,	4	459	
Dickerson,	from Sixth to Seventh,	4	445	
Brinton,	east from Eighth,	4	225	
	Attachments to fire plugs,	4	251	
			<hr/>	1,550
Fifth,	from Mifflin to Snyder,	6	878	
Franklin,	from Front to Jefferson,	6	1,014	
Franklin,	from Eighth to Ninth,	6	426	
Eighteenth,	from Shippen to Prime,	6	1,785	
Carpenter,	from Eighteenth to Nineteenth,	6	435	
Nineteenth,	from South to Shippen,	6	320	
Shippen,	from Nineteenth to Twentieth,	6	512	
Fitzwater,	from Seventeenth to Nineteenth,	6	675	
Seventeenth,	from Fitzwater to Catharine,	6	350	
Sutherland avenue,	from South to Naval			
	Asylum,	6	225	
Passyunk road,	below Tenth, to Broad, and			
	Broad to Snyder,	6	3,775	
Fifteenth,	from Carpenter to Christion,	6	370	
Franklin,	from Eighth to Beulah,	6	285	
	Attachments to fire plugs,	6	30	
			<hr/>	11,080
				<hr/>
				15,024

Iron Pipes laid in the Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Wards.

Street.	Location.	Inches.	Feet.	
Meredith,	from Beach to Bank,	3	730	
Bradford,	west of Seventh,	3	310	
Letitia,		3	261	
	Attachments to fire plugs,	3	21	
			<hr/>	1,322
Broad,	from Prime to South,	6	710	
Pine,	from Twenty-second to Twenty-third,	6	315	
Cherry,	east of Twenty-first,	6	272	
Broad,	from Spruce to Locust,	6	450	
	Attachments to fire plugs,	6	33	
			<hr/>	1,780
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				3,102

Iron Pipes laid in Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth and Seventeenth Wards.

Street.	Location.	Inches.	Feet.
Pleasant, from Tenth to Ridge avenue,		4	424
Swain, from Fifteenth to Sixteenth,		4	448
Lex, from Fifteenth to Sixteenth,		4	440
	Attachments to fire plugs,	4	299
Girard avenue, from 6th to 10th, both sides,		4	2,754
Thompson, from Twelfth to Thirteenth,		4	903
Sixth, from Montgomery to Girard avenue,		4	1,717
Clinton, from Girard avenue to Thompson,		4	507
Margaretta, from Girard avenue to Poplar,		4	621
Centre, from Twenty-first to Twenty-second,		4	486
Virginia—Twenty-second to Twenty-third,		4	373
Lewis, from Thompson to Master,		4	469
	Attachments to fire plugs,	4	294
			9,685
Vinyard, from Nineteenth to Ridge avenue,		6	764
Poplar, from Twentieth to Twenty-first,		6	325
Mervine, from Oxford to Columbia,		6	511
Oxford, from Mervine to Twelfth,		6	231
Oxford, from Twelfth to Thirteenth,		6	452
Franklin, from North to Jefferson,		6	95
Marshall, from North to Jefferson,		6	166
Ann, from Ridge avenue to Nineteenth,		6	1,131
Washington, from Fifteenth to Sixteenth,		6	448
Ridge avenue, from Poplar to Girard avenue,		6	665
Girard av., from Ridge av., to Corinthian av.,		6	1,065
Franklin, from Girard avenue to Thompson,		6	529
Twenty-first, from Spring Garden to Coates,		6	1,224
Poplar, from Nineteenth to Twentieth,		6	423
Sixteenth, from Coates to Ridge avenue,		6	527
Fifteenth, from Coates to Ridge avenue,		6	282
Twentieth, from Brown to Parrish,		6	395
Wood, from Sixth to Eighth,		6	1,000
Twenty-third, from Green to Spring Garden,		6	457
Clinton, from Putnam to Montgomery,		6	194
	Attachment on Green street,	6	9
	Attachment, Vinyard and Ridge,	6	34
			10,927
Connections, Cohocksink Bridge,	10		24
“ “ “	10		18
“ “ “	10		20
			62
			20,674

Iron Pipes laid in the Eleventh, Twelfth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth, Eighteenth and Nineteenth Wards.

Street.	Location.	Inches.	Feet.	
Parker,	from Adams to Cumberland,	4	398	
Gold,	from Brown to Duke,	4	232	
Washington,	from Master to Jefferson,	4	445	
	Attachments to fire plugs,	4	142	
				1,217
Lemon,	from Wood to York,	6	774	
Adams,	from Frankford road to Parker,	6	222	
Maple,	from Richmond to Brown,	6	487	
Brown,	from Gold to Maple,	6	235	
Coral,	from Cumberland to Adams,	6	386	
Delaware avenue,	from Callowhill to Poplar,	6	1,865	
Fifth,	from Diamond to Wood,	6	612	
Fifth,	from Norris to Wager,	6	429	
Amber,	from Wood to York,	6	807	
Emerald,	from Huntington to Lehigh,	6	648	
Somerset,	from West to William,	6	585	
Brown,	from Somerset to William,	6	602	
Amber,	from Norris to Wood,	6	751	
Clinton,	west of Somerset,	6	582	
Fifth,	from Buttonwood to Old York road,	6	303	
				9,288
				10,505

Iron Pipe laid in Twenty-fourth Ward.

Street.	Location.	Inches.	Feet.	
Baring,	from Thirty-fifth to Thirty-sixth,	4	385	
	Attachments to fire plugs,	4	115	
				500
Mansion,	from Chestnut to Oak,	6	268	
Oak,	from Mansion,	6	1,081	
Bridgewater,	from Oak to Market,	6	296	
Eagle,	from Lexington to Oneida,	6	938	
Lexington,	from Huron to Haverford road,	6	1,138	
Chestnut avenue,	from Walnut to Church,	6	723	
				4,444
Chestnut,	from Woodland to Mansion,	8	630	
				630
				5,574

Recapitulation.

Wards.	3 inches diam.	4 inches diam.	6 inches diam.	8 inches diam.	10 inches diam.	Total.
1st, 2d, 3d and 4th,	2,394	1,550	11,080			15,024
5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th,	1,322	33	1,747			3,102
13th, 14th, 15th and 20th,		9,685	10,927		62	20,674
11th, 12th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th and 23d,		1,217	9,288			10,505
24th,		500	4,444	630		5,574
	3,716	12,985	37,486	630	62	54,879

Being a total of 99 feet more than $10\frac{3}{8}$ miles.

DISTRIBUTION.

It will be seen, by reference to the tables, that the aggregate of iron distributing pipes laid in 1856, is something over ten and three-eighth miles. A large amount ordered by Councils has not yet been laid, because of the want of an appropriation.

This has subjected many citizens and owners of property to much inconvenience.

It has not only deprived them of the advantages of a supply of water, but has delayed the paving of the streets, as an ordinance requires that paving upon new streets shall not be done until the water pipes are laid.

It has also prevented the renting of recently improved property, as houses without hydrants are not desirable. If the laying of distributing pipes involved an unprofitable expense to the City, a policy having such results would be more readily understood. But such is not the case. Almost every dollar expended for water pipes is repaid into the treasury.

I have the authority of the City Solicitor for the statement, that it is a rare thing to lose a pipe claim, the reason being that no water can be introduced into the premises of a pipe delinquent without the pipe bill being first paid. Not only is the first expense repaid to the treasury, but every additional street, furnished with distributing mains, adds to the revenue of the City without increasing its debt or its invested capital. It seems to me, therefore, to be the clear policy of the City to lay distributing pipes wherever there is a demand for them.

I respectfully present this view for the consideration of Councils.

Since July last there has been in progress a careful examination of the distribution over all the city. This has led to the correction of many defects, and has yielded the Department valuable information on many subjects not to be found upon its records. One of the first results of this investigation was the detection of the causes of the frequent leaks in some sections of the city.

As a general fact, it has been found that the iron pipes laid by contract are jointed chiefly with hemp gasketing, with very little lead, in some cases the lead being scarcely a half inch in thickness; when the hemp becomes rotten, the joints are no longer able to resist the pressure, and leaks are the inevitable result. In the course of the examination referred to, it was discovered that, in some places, the stops were permanently shut down, which destroyed the circulation; that in other cases the boxes had been filled in, leaving no marks by which they could be found; that in some sections the stops were so far distant from each other that neither attachments nor repairs could be made, without loss of time and inconvenience to large neighborhoods; and that many were so defective as to be of no use. Wherever discoveries have been made of the character referred to, the proper remedies have been applied without delay.

New stops have been put in, and those capable of repairs have been put in serviceable condition. The fire plugs have been examined with a care due to their importance, and everything has been done to place them in good order, and to protect them from the frost during the winter months.

The absence of any uniform system of laying and locating pipes, prior to consolidation, the many boundary lines dividing the old districts, and their conflicting interest and policy, have led to many evils in the distribution.

In some places the pipes terminate abruptly, at the old dividing lines, causing what are called dead ends, and preventing circulation, and in others the pipes decrease in capacity, where they should increase.

For the latter class of evils there has not been provided any efficient remedy.

The obstructed circulation from dead ends has been

corrected, either by putting in branches or with connections by lead pipes and ferrules.

In the 24th Ward there seems to have been no system whatever, regulating the depth at which the pipes were laid.

Several of the streets there having been graded since the pipes were laid, some were left exposed on the surface of the ground, and had to be relaid; others are at various depths, from eighteen inches to thirteen feet.

To provide, as far as possible, against the recurrence of the several faults in the distribution, which have been referred to, I am preparing a plan of the distribution of the whole city, on which will be marked the stops, plugs, branches, and other fixtures, the size of the pipes, and, wherever it can be ascertained, the dates when the pipes were laid.

The plan is completed for that part of the city below South street. Here the execution of it has been very difficult, as the records were few and imperfect.

It is upon a scale of one inch to one hundred feet, quite large enough to embrace all the necessary details, and yet not so large as to be inconvenient.

When completed, the plan will supply a record for reference, the want of which must have placed the department at a great disadvantage.

The hands at the Cherry street shop are employed in getting up stops, plugs, and other fixtures, for the coming season.

In consequence of the limited size of the work shop, and the want of the proper machinery and tools, all the work has to be done by hand power, and there is danger on this account that the supply of fixtures will fail.

In this connection it may be remarked that the present shop and yard are totally inadequate to the wants of the department, and that the city carpenter shop, which would furnish sufficient accommodation, is unoccupied. The building there is well adapted to the uses of the department, having room for the storage of the patterns of the machinery for the several works, and the yard would furnish a safe and convenient depot for the materials and pipes.

For the particulars of the revenue and collections made by the department, and other matters touching the prompt discharge of the business duties of the Register's Office, I refer to the report of Wm. V. M'Kean, which I transmit to Councils. This officer has been untiring in his exertions to promote the efficiency of his department. The multifarious business over which he presides, his prompt decisions on the many harrassing questions which continually arise, prove that he is eminently qualified for the position he has assumed.

Yours, respectfully,

SAMUEL OGDIN,
Chief Engineer of the Water Department.

WATER DEPARTMENT,
Register's Office, }
Jan. 14th, 1857.

SAMUEL OGDIN, Esq.,
Chief Engineer :

SIR—The tabular statements inclosed herewith, will present to you a full report of the financial operations of this office, for the year 1856. Nos. 1, 2 and 3, relate to a part of the year, commencing August 18th and ending Dec. 31st, embracing the time since the office was placed in my charge. No 4 is a copy of a statement, communicated to Councils by Mr. McMahan, the former Register, and relates to the part of the year which terminated August 18th. No. 5 is a statement in detail of the revenue to be derived from the Water Duplicates for 1857. No. 6 exhibits the total receipts of the office in 1856. The amount of Water Rents on the Duplicates, for 1856, remaining unpaid on the 31st December, is \$9,601 25. Of this sum, not less than fifty per cent. consists of ascertained errors, which have been stricken entirely from the books of the office. The balance, which is somewhat less than five thousand dollars, has been carried to a supplementary duplicate, called the Delinquent Duplicate, and every effort will be made to collect it both in

1856 and 1857. Whatever is thus collected for the present year, will, of course, go to the credit of the duplicates for 1857, and have the effect to raise them more nearly to the original estimate. It should be observed that none of the parties delinquent in 1856 have been carried on to the regular duplicates for the present year.

On the 18th day of August, 1856, the outstanding balance of the duplicates of 1856 was greater in amount than on the same day in 1855, by more than the whole amount of unpaid rents on the 31st day of December last. This shows that the policy of sending out bills for collection after the 1st of September, instead of proceeding to "cut off," as the ordinance requires, is operating badly. Of course, parties who know that they will be waited on with bills *after* the 1st of September, will not take any great trouble to pay at the office *before* that date. Those who are indulged in this way communicate it to their neighbors, and thus the bad effects of a bad example increase from year to year. It is suggested for your consideration, that some action should be had, making the provisions of the ordinance mandatory.

The estimated amount of the duplicates for	
1857, transmitted to the City Controller,	
on the 11th of December last, was -	\$381,000 00
The actual amount of the duplicates, as	
you will perceive by No. 5, is -	376,545 92

Leaving the duplicate less than the estimate,	4,454 08
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This deficiency proceeds from the fact already mentioned, that errors equal in amount to the deficiency have since been discovered upon the duplicates for 1856, and have since been deducted from the duplicates for 1857.

In speaking thus pointedly of the large amount of errors on the books of the office, it is proper to say that I intend no reflection on the former incumbent of this office. I have no doubt they are in a great measure chargeable upon the hurried manner in which the large business of the office is necessarily transacted. The office room is too limited to introduce the system that

larger accommodations would afford, and the clerical force is too small to give the accounts that careful revision which all public transactions should receive.

While revising the records of the office, preparatory to making out the duplicates for this year, the clerks were obliged to perform an amount of labor too excessive to be exacted from any class of men. From the first of December until the 15th of that month, the hours of labor were from 9 A. M. to 9 P. M., and from the 15th of December until the 10th of January, the whole force of the office labored from 9 A. M. to 12 o'clock, midnight. It gives me pleasure to bear testimony to the cheerfulness with which they all discharged this heavy duty.

The 11th section of the ordinance, approved Oct. 3d, 1854, requires that all water rents shall be registered by Wards. Upon taking possession of the office, in August 1856, I found that but little progress had been made in the execution of this duty. The explanation given by my predecessor was that the current business of the office was so great that such a work could not be done without additional force. This has proved to be correct, and no recent entries have been made.

Since the passage of the ordinance establishing a new system of numbering the houses, the new work has been entirely suspended, for this will compel the office to commence the whole subject anew. If the records are based upon the new system, a large part of the errors proceeding from the present imperfect system will be avoided, and much valuable time saved to the public and the office. It should have been stated, that many of the errors found on the records arise from the absence of any accurate means of identifying some properties.

Returning to the ordinance requiring the re-registering of all water rents by Wards, it is my duty to state that these new records are almost indispensable, but that they can never be made unless Councils provide clerks for that special service. Besides the all-important consideration of greater accuracy to be secured by new registers, I have no doubt that discoveries of fraudulent use of water will be made during the preparation of them that will repay the expense fourfold.

It is most earnestly recommended to Councils to make some provision for the execution of the ordinance, which is now more than two years old.

The system of inspection, established by the same ordinance, operates with excellent effect. All the officers employed in this service discharge their duties promptly and faithfully, and save to the City Treasury more than sufficient to pay the salary roll of the department.

Respectfully,

W. V. McKEAN,
Register.

[No. 1.]

*Amount due on the Duplicates of 1856, August 18th.—
Amount collected since that date—and the amount due
Dec. 31st, 1856.*

DUPLICATES.	Amt. due on Du- plicates, Aug. 18, 1856.	Amt. unpaid Dec. 31, 1856.	Amt collected from Aug. 18 to Dec. 31, 1856.
Southwark . . .	3,163 50	607 25	2,556 25
Moyamensing . . .	2,579 50	788 25	1,791 25
Fifth Ward . . .	2,640 50	614 00	2,026 50
Sixth " . . .	3,117 00	735 50	2,381 50
Seventh " . . .	2,767 00	661 00	2,106 00
Eighth " . . .	2,112 25	482 00	1,630 25
Ninth " . . .	2,278 75	773 25	1,505 50
Tenth . . .	2,057 00	669 75	1,387 25
Northern Liberties . . .	3,851 00	461 50	3,389 50
S. Garden, East . . .	2,329 00	694 00	1,635 00
" West . . .	4,353 25	1,680 50	2,672 75
Kensington . . .	3,917 50	591 50	3,326 00
Richmond . . .	582 00	32 50	549 50
Penn District . . .	2,571 00	642 25	1,928 75
Twenty-fourth Ward . . .	292 00	168 00	124 00
	38,611 25	9,601 25	29,010 00

[No. 2.]

Fractional Rents, &c., from August 18th to December 31st, 1856, inclusive.

No. of Permits.		Fractional Rents.	Permits.	Repairs.	Repairs.	Declines.	Total.
243	First to Fourth Wards, inclusive.	\$ 503 14	\$ 729 50	\$ 582 50	\$ 35 25	\$ 16 75	\$ 555 14
355	Fifth to Tenth (including permits to vessels),	1438 57					1509 32
47	Twenty-fourth Ward.	134 90					1446 90
612	Eleventh to Fifteenth, inclusive; Twentieth and part of Sixteenth.	1593 72	548 00	332 50	51 00	39 75	2564 97
	Seventeenth to Nineteenth, and balance of Sixteenth,	631 58	267 50	124 00	6 00	36 25	1065 33
1257		\$4301 91	\$1545 00	\$1039 00	\$103 25	\$152 50	\$7141 66
Deduct for moneys refunded to parties to whom no service was rendered,							14 65
Total,							\$7127 01

[No. 3.]

Payments to the City Treasurer, in each month, from August 18th to December 31st, 1856.

MONTHS.	Annual Water Rents.	Penalties.	Fractional Water Rents.	Iron Pipes.	Declines, 1856.	Total each month.
August 18th to 31st,	\$7441 95	\$1114 22				\$ 8556 17
September,	9422 25	1412 68	\$2690 46	\$4252 27	\$ 7 75	17,785 41
October,	4630 00	680 81	1238 40	4716 64	52 71	11,318 56
November,	3786 75	547 76	1282 25	7393 89	20 40	13,031 05
December,	3491 50	501 91	1855 33	5511 11		11,359 85
Dec. 31st paid Jan. 1st	251 50	36 65	68 75	21 37		378 27
TOTAL,	\$29,023 95	\$4294 03	\$7135 19	\$21,895 28	\$80 86	\$62,429 31

The above Table exhibits the *Receipts* of the Office, as well as the payments to the City Treasurer, except that the receipts date one day earlier than the payments.

[No. 4.]

*Statement of Duplicates of Water Rents for the year 1856,
and the Receipts from January 1, 1856, to August 16,
inclusive.*

Fairmount Water Works.

Wards.	Duplicates.	Amount duplicates Jan. 1, 1856.	Amount collected to Aug. 16, 1856.	Am't unpaid Aug. 16, 1856.
1.	Southwark,	\$34,565 67	\$31,402 17	\$3,163 50
4.	Moyamensing,	20,848 00	18,268 50	2,579 50
5.	New Market,	5,888 25	5,354 25	534 00
	Pine,	4,962 50	4,596 50	456 00
	Dock,	5,529 50	4,802 00	727 50
	Walnut,	5,188 50	4,265 50	923 00
6.	Chestnut,	5,542 50	4,686 00	856 50
	High Street,	6,526 00	5,790 00	736 00
	Lower Delaware,	7,427 25	6,687 75	739 50
	Upper Delaware,	7,283 25	6,498 25	785 00
7.	Cedar,	24,641 75	21,874 75	2,767 00
8.	Locust,	12,845 75	11,674 50	1,171 25
	South,	9,562 50	8,624 50	938 00
9.	Middle,	8,899 00	8,018 75	880 25
	North,	12,091 25	10,692 75	1,398 50
10.	South Mulberry,	10,640 00	9,798 25	841 75
	North Mulberry,	14,642 00	13,426 75	1,215 25
		\$197,083 67	\$176,371 17	\$20,712 50

Schuylkill Steam Works.

11. }	Northern Liberties,	\$37,666 75	\$33,815 75	\$3,851 00
12. }				
13. }	Spring Garden, East,	29,222 50	26,896 50	2,326 00
14. }				
15. }	Spring Garden, West,	35,435 25	31,082 00	4,353 25
16. }				
20.	Penn District,	13,669 25	11,098 25	2,571 00
		\$115,993 75	\$102,892 50	\$13,101 25

Delaware Steam Works.

16. }	Kensington,	\$41,735 41	\$37,822 91	\$3,912 50
17. }				
18. }				
19.	Richmond,	3,568 25	2,986 25	582 00
		\$45,303 66	\$40,809 16	\$4,494 50

West Philadelphia Steam Works.

24.	West Philadelphia,	\$1,525 00	\$1,233 00	\$292 00
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[No. 4.—*Continued.*]

RECAPITULATION.

WORKS,	Amount Dupli- cate, Jan. 1, 1856.	Collected to Aug. 16th.	Unpaid Aug. 16th.
Revenue of Fairmount Water Works,	\$197,083 67	\$176,371 17	\$20,712 50
Revenue of Schuylkill Steam Works,	115,993 75	102,892 50	13,101 25
Revenue of Del. Steam Works,	45,303 66	40,809 16	4,494 50
Revenue of the Twenty-fourth Ward Steam Works,	1,525 00	1,233 00	292 00
	<hr/> \$359,906 08	<hr/> \$321,305 83	<hr/> \$38,600 25

Receipts from January 1st, 1856, to August 16th inclusive.

Account annual Water Rents,	321,305 83
“ Penalty for non-payment in time,	2,842 49
“ Iron Pipes,	9,510 41
“ Fractional Water Rents on new permits,	17,144 44
“ Delinquents of 1855,	1,133 32
	<hr/> 351,936 49
Cr.—By cash paid City Treasurer to date,	351,936 54

[No. 5.]

Water Duplicates for 1857.

Wards,			
1.			
2.	Southwark and	\$35,906 42	
3.		22,361 50	
4.	Moyamensing,		\$58,267 92
5.		21,723 50	
6.	City,	26,806 50	
7.		25,422 50	
8.		23,173 25	
9.		20,898 75	
10.		26,119 75	
			144,144 25
	Revenue of Fairmount Works,		\$202,412 17
11.	Northern Liberties,		
12.		38,209 00	
16.	(16th in part.)		
13.	Spring Garden, East,		
14.		29,866 50	
15.	Spring Garden, West,	37,442 75	
20.	Penn,	16,859 00	
	Revenue of Schuylkill Works,		122,177 25
16.	(16th in part.)		
17.	Kensington,		
18.		45,291 00	
19.	Richmond, (23d in part.)		
23.		4,419 00	
	Revenue of Delaware Works,		49,710 00
24.	West Philadelphia,	2,246 50	
	Revenue of 24th Ward Works,		2,246 50
	Total revenue for 1857,		\$376,545 92

[No. 6.]

TOTAL RECEIPTS 1856.

1856.	Annual Wa- ter Rents.	Penalties.	Fractional Water Rents	Iron Pipes.	Delinquent's 1855.	Total.
Receipts Jan. 1st to August 16th,	\$321,305 83	\$2842 49	\$17,144 44	\$ 9510 41	\$1133 32	\$351,036 49
Receipts from Aug. 18th to Dec. 31st,	29,023 95	4294 03	7135 19	21,895 28	80 86	62,429 31
TOTAL.	\$350,329 78	\$7136 52	\$24,279 63	\$31,405 69	\$1214 18	\$414,365 80

W. V. McKEAN, *Register.*

APPENDIX No. 126.

REPORT OF THE CITY CONTROLLER.

DEPARTMENT CITY CONTROLLER, }
January 17th, 1857. }

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia :

GENTLEMEN—In compliance with the provisions of the Acts of Assembly, consolidating the City of Philadelphia, I have the honor, herewith, to present the Annual Statement of the financial affairs of the City, for the year ending December 21st, 1856.

The statement has been prepared with great care, and is believed to be accurate in all its details, and, in pursuance of the authority of law, I have directed it to be published in two daily papers.

It has been delayed a few days beyond my anticipation. This delay was occasioned by unexpectedly increased labor in making up the details of the several departments, the transactions to make up which, comprehending six months of the official term of my predecessor, John N. Henderson, Esq., requiring much more careful comparison than would have been the case had the same parties had charge of the accounts the entire year.

Respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

S. TAYLOR,

City Controller.

STATEMENT 1.

SHOWING THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS BY THE CITY TREASURER.

F. Knox Morton, City Treasurer, in account with the City of Philadelphia.

Dr.		Cr.	
1856.		1856.	
Jan. 1.	To balance on hand, City Funds,	Dec. 31.	By payments on warrants for all purposes, on City account, to date inclusive,
Dec. 31.	To receipts from all sources, on City account, to date inclusive,		By balance on hand, City Funds,
	<u>\$5,902,168 47</u>		<u>\$5,170,680 00</u>
			731,488 47
			<u>\$5,902,168 47</u>

STATEMENT 2.

F. Knox Morton, City Treasurer, in account with Trust Funds.

Dr.		Cr.	
1856.		1856.	
Jan. 1.	To balance on hand,	Dec. 31.	By payments on warrants for all purposes, on Trust account, to date inclusive,
Dec. 31.	To receipts from all sources, on Trust account, to date inclusive,		By balance on hand, Trust Funds,
	<u>\$250,189 78</u>		<u>\$181,463 19</u>
			77,726 59
			<u>\$250,189 78</u>

STATEMENT 3.

Showing the amounts paid by the City Treasurer on Warrants drawn by the several Departments, and on appropriations made, for the years 1855 and 1856.

DEPARTMENTS, &c.	WARRANTS OF 1855.	WARRANTS OF 1856.	TOTAL.
Departments of Police,	\$196,889 18	\$345,268 02	\$542,157 21
Highways,	271,077 51	310,439 90	581,517 41
City Commissioners,	76,180 42	171,804 26	247,984 68
City Property,	19,206 49	35,954 01	55,160 50
Supplying Water,	140,174 91	130,772 88	270,947 79
Market Houses,	4,004 77	10,626 84	14,631 61
Wharves and Landings,	2,902 19	9,072 24	11,974 43
Law,	6,719 88	22,368 54	29,088 42
Surveys,	8,306 66	19,301 00	27,607 66
Fire,	19,853 68	25,941 57	45,795 25
City Controller,	280 90	12,800 84	13,081 74
City Treasurer,	1,645 12	11,600 69	13,245 81
Receiver of Taxes,	5,869 07	36,172 54	42,041 61
Clerks of Councils,	6,223 77	33,335 15	39,558 92
Lighting the City,	147,041 38	193,996 30	341,037 68
Controllers of the Public Schools,	206,907 20	391,380 40	598,287 60
Board of Health,	9,836 13	30,948 51	40,784 64
Guardians of the Poor,	104,155 24	155,851 13	260,006 37
Inspectors of the Prison,	35,231 41	60,955 79	96,187 20
Trustees of the City Ice Boat,	3,997 46	14,342 50	18,339 96
Rosine Association,	1,500 00		1,500 00
Northern Home for Friendless Children,	2,000 00		2,000 00
Vaccine Physicians,	287 50		287 50
Rochester Delegation,	381 37		381 37
Old Corporations,	171 08		171 08
Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph,		75 00	75 00
Over-paid Taxes,	51 97	564 18	616 15
Discount on Temporary Loans, *		993 36	993 36
Temporary Loans,	10,000 00	130,000 00	140,000 00
Loans due in 1845,	\$300 00		
Do. 1855,	1300 00		
Do. 1854,	500 00		
Do. 1855,	7204 00		
Do. 1856,	177,189 44		
Interest to Loan-Holders,		186,493 44	186,493 44
Do. on Warrants of 1855,		962,311 81	962,311 81
Sinking Funds,		14,623 90	14,623 90
Certain purposes therein mentioned, Nov. 3, '55,	15,174 31	218,365 18	218,365 18
Expenses incurred in 1854 and 1855,		3,718 88	3,718 88
Special purposes of Police, March 12, 1855,	108 25		108 25
Purposes therein mentioned, May 12, 1856,		684 33	684 33
Certain Judgment, interest and costs,		19,203 84	19,203 84
Willman Whildin,		8,073 16	8,073 16
William J. O'Farrell,		337 50	337 50
George W. McMahon,		150 57	150 57
George Kelley,		3,923 63	3,923 63
Block of Marble,		3,000 00	3,000 00
Digest of the Laws,		5,796 25	5,796 25
Boudinot Lanas,		300 00	300 00
House of Refuge,	22,954 00		22,954 00
State Taxes,		240,000 00	240,000 00
	\$1,319,131 85	\$3,851,548 15	\$5,170,680 00

STATEMENT 4.

Showing the appropriations made by Councils, exclusive of Trusts; the amount counter-signed and each appropriation, and the unexpended balances of the same.

APPROVED.	APPROPRIATIONS MADE TO	AMOUNT.	COUNTER-SIGNED.	BALANCE.
1855.				
January	4 Refund over-paid taxes,	\$564 24	\$564 24	
November 30	Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph,	21,800 00	20,075 00	\$1,725 00
December	29 Interest on the Funded Debt,	500,000 00	500,000 00	
"	29 Principal of the Funded Debt,	159,150 00	159,150 00	
"	29 Certain evidence of City indebtedness,	20,000 00	20,000 00	
"	29 Pay certain claims,	27,224 49	27,219 48	5 01
1856.				
January	3 Pay certain road damages,	21,211 00	17,350 00	3,861 00
"	19 Controllers of Public Schools, 1856,	65,048 69	65,048 69	
"	19 Controllers of Public Schools, 1855,	36,900 00	36,900 00	
February	1 Clerks of Councils, 1855,	8,293 06	8,293 06	
"	16 Lighting, extinguishing, &c., public lamps,	225,000 00	221,454 79	3,545 21
March	11 Police Department,	398,408 27	398,177 55	230 72
"	11 Department City Controller,	12,650 00	12,592 09	57 91
"	11 " City Commissioners,	186,515 94	186,722 34	
"	11 " For supplying City with Water	141,138 75	139,293 60	1,845 15
"	11 " Wharves and Landings,	14,885 17	10,293 99	4,091 18
"	11 " Receiver of Taxes,	29,168 41	28,042 14	1,126 30
"	11 " Market Houses,	10,435 35	9,265 17	1,170 18
"	11 " Clerks of Councils,	35,000 00	30,726 54	4,273 46
"	11 " City Treasurer,	12,000 00	11,647 31	352 69
"	11 " City Property,	52,729 23	43,049 35	9,679 88
"	11 " Surveyors and Regulators,	36,009 41	26,693 56	9,315 85
"	11 Board of Health,	37,933 82	35,673 92	2,259 90
"	11 Inspectors of County Prison,	59,255 00	58,930 74	324 26
"	11 Law Department,	28,229 70	23,498 70	4,731 00
"	11 Trustees of the Ice Boat,	18,000 00	17,972 48	27 52
"	17 Fire Department,	34,452 00	33,710 37	741 63
"	18 Guardians of the Poor,	211,363 42	208,820 75	2,542 67
"	28 Department Highways, Bridges, &c.,	373,839 00	344,710 62	29,128 38
"	31 " Receiver of Taxes,	10,000 00	10,000 00	
"	31 Controllers of the Public Schools,	476,223 90	455,972 18	20,251 72
"	31 Controllers of the Public Schools,	3,188 33	3,188 33	
April	7 Pay Whilman Whildin,	8,260 00	8,073 16	126 84
"	8 Department Market Houses,	1,905 75	1,905 75	
"	17 " City Commissioners,	9,330 49	9,330 49	
"	17 Certain claims of 1854 and 1855,	3,744 63	3,732 63	12 00
"	24 Damages opening Franklin street,	2,572 50	2,010 00	562 50
May	2 Steam Fire Engine,	1,765 00	1,166 19	598 81
"	2 Board of Health, vaccine purposes,	5,000 00	2,250 62	2,749 38
"	7 Police Department,	446 90	436 79	10 11
"	7 Girard avenue bridge,	16,316 30	16,310 30	6 00
"	7 George Kelley's judgment,	3,923 63	3,923 63	
"	8 Pay William J. O'Farrell,	337 50	337 5	
"	8 Digest of the Laws of the City,	5,796 25	5,796 25	
"	12 Block Marble for Wash'ton Monum't	3,000 00	3,000 00	
"	12 Certain purposes therein mentioned,	1,129 35	1,087 51	41 84
June	23 Interest on the Funded Debt,	525,000 00	525,000 00	
"	23 Principal of the Funded Debt,	41,268 75	27,313 44	14,025 31
July	7 Pay George W. McMahon,	150 57	150 57	
"	14 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania judgment	19,203 84	19,203 84	
"	21 Pay State Taxes,	240,000 00	240,000 00	
August	27 Department for supplying Water,	5,000 00	4,997 42	2 58
September	5 Trustees of the Ice Boat,	15,000 00	15,000 00	
"	17 Department of City Property,	350 00	269 95	80 05
"	19 Pay Lane Schofield,	3,275 87	3,275 87	
"	23 Inspectors of the County Prison,	2,000 00	1,986 07	13 93
October	11 Pay Birkenbine & Trotter,	16,900 00	16,900 00	

STATEMENT 4.—Continued.

APPROVED.	APPROPRIATIONS MADE TO	AMOUNT.	COUNTER-SIGNED.	BALANCE.
1856.				
October 18	Department City Property and other purposes,	\$6,676 23	\$5,075 96	\$1,600 27
" 27	Board of Health and Guardians of the Poor,	5,059 00	4,986 40	63 60
November 8	Department of City Property,	590 00		50 0 00
" 8	Inspectors of the County Prison,	15,000 00	14,929 58	70 42
" 26	Department Market Houses,	1,150 00	939 80	210 20
December 5	Police Department,	2,000 00	1,999 61	39
" 5	Elias Boudinot's land,	300 00	300 00	
" 17	Pay certain road damages,	26,159 00	4,874 00	21,325 00
" 20	Pay certain claims against the City,	4,152 01	4,034 00	118 01
" 27	Department of City Controller,	400 00	395 49	4 60
" 27	" City Commissioners, Overpaid on appropriation, March 11, 1856,	9,807 35	5,573 55	4,233 80
		206 40		
		\$4,268,375 53	\$4,120,733 27	\$147,642 26

STATEMENT 5.

Showing the appropriations made by Councils on Trust Accounts; the amount of Warrants countersigned on each; as also the unexpended balances of the same.

DATE OF APPROVAL.	APPROPRIATIONS MADE TO	AMOUNT.	COUNTER-SIGNED.	BALANCE.
1855.				
December 19	Guardians of the Poor, Waters & Emilen's Fund,	\$3,766 30	2,260 81	1,496 49
1856.				
January 31	Girard Estate, for purposes mentioned,	75,125 81	71,389 68	3,736 13
February 14	Girard College for Orphans,	85,380 00	83,037 05	2,342 95
" 19	Superintendent of Trusts,	3,887 86	3,752 15	135 71
" 19	Wills Hospital,	6,625 87	5,792 16	833 71
" 19	Superintendent of Trusts,	3,014 00	2,972 44	41 56
April 10	Paving Delaware Avenue,	18,000 00	17,974 40	25 60
June 14	Girard College, building within the walls,	20,000 00	4,493 83	15,506 17
July 19	Damages opening Water street,	3,802 00	1,825 00	1,977 00
December 5	Girard College for Orphans,	3,600 00		3,600 00
		223,201 84	193,506 52	29,695 32

STATEMENT 6.

Showing the amounts countersigned on warrants drawn by heads of the several departments and institutions, amounts paid by City Treasurer for the several departments and institutions; also the amounts paid into the City Treasury by the several departments and institutions.

	Countersigned.	Paid.	Receipts.
Department of Highways, Bridges, &c.,	\$420,043 46	\$330,024 23	\$31,031 58
Department of City Commis- sioners,	202,020 13	171,804 26	
Department of City Controller,	12,987 49	12,800 84	
Department of City Property,	55,027 46	44,027 17	31,702 82
Department of City Treasurer,	11,647 31	11,600 69	
Department of Receiver of Taxes,	38,042 14	36,172 54	
Department of Market Houses,	12,448 22	10,964 34	69,107 22
Department of Wharves and Landings,	10,293 99	9,072 24	48,360 50
Department of Surveyors and Regulators,	26,693 56	19,301 00	
Department for Supplying Water,	160,468 02	130,772 88	414,453 44
Department of Clerks of Coun- cils,	39,019 60	33,335 15	
Police Department,	401,113 56	345,268 03	41 10
Law Department,	24,683 62	22,368 54	39,101 89
Fire Department,	34,890 56	25,941 57	
Trustees of the Ice Boat,	32,972 48	14,342 50	5,395 26
Inspectors of County Prisons,	75,846 39	60,955 79	
Controllers of Public Schools,	561,109 20	391,380 40	30,430 05
Guardians of the Poor,	214,320 56	185,851 13	21,973 06
Board of Health,	39,680 94	30,948 51	15,893 03
Lighting the city,	221,454 79	193,996 30	119 61
Police and fire alarm tele- graph.	20,075 00	20,075 00	
Block of marble for Washing- ton Monument,	3,000 00	3,000 00	
To pay George W. McMahon,	150 57	150 57	
To pay Geo. Kelley's contract,	3,923 63	3,923 63	
Digest of the laws of the city,	5,796 25	5,796 25	
To refund overpaid taxes,	564 24	564 18	
Certain expenses incurred in 1854 and 1855,	3,732 63	3,718 88	
A certain judgment, interest and costs,	19,203 84	19,203 84	
Boudinot lands,	300 00	300 00	
Temporary loans,	130,000 00	130,000 00	130,000 00
Discount on temporary loans,	993 36	993 36	
To pay State taxes,	240,000 00	240,000 00	390,584 16
Sinking funds,	218,365 18	218,365 18	67,090 97
Interest on the funded debt,	1,025,000 00	962,311 81	770 93
Amounts carried forward.	\$4,265,868 28	3,789,330 81	1,296,055 62

STATEMENT 6.—*Continued.*

	Countersigned.	Paid.	Receipts.
Amounts brought forward,	\$4,265,868 28	3,780,330 81	1,296,055 62
Principal of the funded debt,	186,493 44	186,493 44	
Certain evidences of city indebtedness,	20,000 00	14,623 90	
Taxes of 1856,			2,068,218 53
Taxes of 1855,			351,301 58
Taxes of 1854,			37,880 04
Outstanding registered taxes,			6,185 28
Fines and penalties,			6,089 95
Pawnbrokers' licenses,			2,500 00
Licenses to sell gunpowder,			275 00
Interest on stocks,			566,939 20
Loan of \$1,000,000,			971,500 00
Loan of \$800,000,			461,900 00
Miscellaneous receipts,			308 42
Paid to sundry departments, on warrants of 1855,		1,319,131 85	
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	\$4,472,361 62	5,209,580 00	5,769,153 62

NOTE.—By this statement it will be seen that the payments by the City Treasurer exceed those of Statement No. 3, \$38,900, which is accounted for from the fact that this sum was paid in certificates of city debt.

There is also an excess of warrants, countersigned, of \$351,628 55. This is explained by the fact that the temporary loans, discount on the same, sinking funds, and Waters' and Emlen's Trust Funds do not appear in Statement No. 4.

STATEMENT 7.

TRUST FUNDS.

Showing the amount of warrants countersigned, amounts paid thereon, and the receipts from the several trusts.

Trusts.	Amount Countersigned.	Amount Paid.	Amount Received.
Girard Estate Funds,	\$179,001 04	\$166,470 73	\$194,476 99
Girard Bequest to Public Schools,	600 00	600 00	627 00
Wills Hospital,	5,792 16	6,446 76	5,946 60
Franklin Legacy,	590 06	590 06	1,243 81
Grover Estate,	3,072 44	2,859 48	2,789 44
John Scott's Legacy of \$4,000,	790 00	790 00	522 65
John Scott's Legacy of \$3,000,	75 00	75 00	343 30
Esther Waters' Legacy, (G'd's	1,014 71	580 23	941 72
George Emilen's Legacy, (Poor	1,255 10	1,367 92	588 06
Samuel Scottin's Legacy,	12 00	12 00	12 00
Paul Beck's Legacy,	500 00	500 00	500 00
Yellow Fever Fund,			561 60
Fuel Fund of Philadelphia,	487 39	487 39	427 60
Fuel Fund, Act of Assembly,	223 62	223 62	288 00
John Angue's Bequest,	93 00		
Bernard McMahan's Legacy,			
per City Treasurer,		460 00	514 00
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	\$193,506 52	\$181,463 19	\$209,783 02

NOTE.—The excess of payments over warrants, countersigned, in some of the trusts, is occasioned by transfers from one trust to another, to the Superintendent of Trusts. The aggregates agree in all respects.

FUNDED DEBT.—STATEMENT 8.

Showing the Amount of Five and Six per Cent. Loans, as also the time when the same become payable.

Year.	When Payable.	Five Per Cents.	Six Per Cents.	Totals.
1857.	January	48,400 00	88,991 55	137,391 55
"	July	49,000 00	3,100 00	52,100 00
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
		97,400 00	92,091 55	189,491 55
1858.	January	60,700 00	54,250 00	114,950 00
"	July	54,800 00	1,278 26	56,078 26
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
		115,500 00	55,528 26	171,028 26
1859.	January	92,894 20	3,000 00	95,894 20
"	July	19,000 00	320 80	19,320 80
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		111,894 20	3,320 80	115,215 00
1860.	January	726,943 65	343,187 00	1,070,130 65
"	July	149,700 00	35,076 55	184,776 55
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		876,643 65	378,263 55	1,254,907 20
1861.	January	167,173 16	88,500 00	255,673 16
"	July	16,700 00		16,700 00
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		183,873 16	88,500 00	272,373 16
1862.	January	68,800 00	32,000 00	100,800 00
"	July	49,600 00	6,196 49	55,796 49
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		118,400 00	38,196 49	156,596 49
1863.	January	116,300 00	57,643 00	173,943 00
"	July	100,000 00	3,815 00	103,815 00
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		216,300 00	61,458 00	277,758 00
1864.	January	52,000 00	47,320 00	99,320 00
"	July	82,700 00	440 00	83,140 00
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		134,700 00	47,760 00	182,460 00

STATEMENT 8.—*Continued.*

Year.	When Payable.	Five Per Cents.	Six Per Cents.	Totals.
1865.	January	16,600 00	100,740 00	117,340 00
"	July	396,100 00	2,900 00	399,000 00
		412,700 00	103,640 00	516,340 00
1866.	January	2,000 00	1,500 00	3,500 00
"	July	65,500 00	29,370 32	94,870 32
		67,500 00	30,870 32	98,370 32
1867.	January	153,600 00	34,906 28	188,506 28
"	July		50,920 75	50,920 75
		153,600 00	85,827 03	239,427 03
1868.	January	132,954 04		132,954 04
"	July		103,527 39	103,527 39
		132,954 04	103,527 39	236,481 43
1869.	January	100,293 15	5,853 00	106,146 15
"	July		1,880 20	1,880 20
		100,293 15	7,773 20	108,026 35
1870.	January	122,800 00	136,514 58	259,314 58
"	July		40,467 61	40,467 61
		122,800 00	176,982 19	299,782 19
1871.	January	133,400 00	207,795 66	341,195 66
"	July		28,750 00	28,750 00
		133,400 00	236,545 66	369,945 66
1872.	January	97,600 00	119,250 00	216,850 00
"	July		14,300 00	14,300 00
		97,600 00	133,550 00	231,150 00
1873.	January	100,900 00	595,489 53	696,389 53
"	July		71,359 00	71,359 00
		100,900 00	666,848 53	767,748 53

STATEMENT 8.—*Continued.*

Year.	When Payable.	Five Per Cents.	Six Per Cents.	Totals.
1874.	January	53,900 00	113,061 70	166,961 70
"	July		100 00	100 00
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		53,900 00	113,161 70	167,061 70
1875.	January	15,000 00	106,000 00	121,000 00
"	July		8,500 00	8,500 00
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		15,000 00	114,500 00	129,500 00
1876.	January	9,400 00	180,091 80	189,491 80
"	July		437,662 10	437,662 10
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		9,400 00	617,753 90	627,153 90
1877.	January	2,000 00	36,376 00	38,376 00
"	July		254,501 67	254,501 67
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		2,000 00	290,877 67	292,877 67
1878.	January	2,000 00	90,031 45	92,031 45
"	July		221,800 00	221,800 00
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		2,000 00	311,831 45	313,831 45
1879.	January	2,000 00	27,800 00	29,800 00
"	July		250,000 00	250,000 00
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		2,000 00	277,800 00	279,800 00
1880.	January	76,198 42	352,145 80	428,344 22
"	July		227,400 00	227,400 00
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		76,198 42	579,545 80	655,744 22
1881.	January	32,600 00	1,279,520 64	1,312,120 64
"	July		340,000 00	340,000 00
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
		32,600 00	1,619,520 64	1,652,120 64
1882.	January	9,400 00	20,000 00	29,400 00
"	July		375,000 00	375,000 00
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		9,400 00	395,000 00	404,400 00

STATEMENT 8.—*Continued.*

Years.	When Payable.	Five Per Cents.	Six Per Cents.	Totals.
1883.	January	3,000 00	152,501 10	155,501 10
“	July		252,753 47	252,753 47
		<hr/> 3,000 00	<hr/> 405,254 57	<hr/> 408,254 57
1884.	January	10,600 00	1,002,000 00	1,012,600 00
“	July		348,800 00	348,800 00
		<hr/> 10,600 00	<hr/> 1,350,800 00	<hr/> 1,361,400 00
1885.	January	3,850 00	851,900 00	855,750 00
“	July		617,600 00	617,600 00
		<hr/> 3,850 00	<hr/> 1,469,500 00	<hr/> 1,473,350 00
1886.	January		1,000,000 00	1,000,000 00
“	July		1,050,000 00	1,050,000 00
			<hr/> 2,050,000 00	<hr/> 2,050,000 00
1887.	January		461,900 00	461,900 00
“	July		256,409 84	256,409 84
			<hr/> 718,309 84	<hr/> 718,309 84
1888.	July		225,000 00	225,000 00
1889.	January		764,200 00	764,200 00
“	July		250,000 00	250,000 00
			<hr/> 1,014,200 00	<hr/> 1,014,200 00
1890.	January		500,000 00	500,000 00
“	July		250,000 00	250,000 00
			<hr/> 750,000 00	<hr/> 750,000 00
1891.	July		250,000 00	250,000 00
1892.	January		925,000 00	925,000 00
1893.	January		159,800 00	159,800 00
“	July		22,413 51	22,413 51
			<hr/> 182,213 51	<hr/> 182,213 51
1894.	January		30,000 00	30,000 00
1904.	January		44,552 23	44,552 23

Total Amount of Loans, as per preceding statement	\$19,441,870 90
From which deduct the Sinking Fund of the Guardians of the Poor, which has not been cancelled	35,162 53

\$19,406,708 37

To which add amount of Loans unpaid, and due prior to January, 1856	41,139 75
Balance of loans due and unpaid, January 1st, 1857	23,329 31
	<hr/> 64,469 06

Total Funded Debt \$19,471,177 43

Amount of Funded Debt, as per last Annual Statement \$16,781,470 87

To which add loans made during the year 1856, as follows, to wit—

North Western Railroad	300,000 00
Sunbury and Erie Railroad	800,000 00
Philadelphia Gas Works	275,400 00
Road Damages, and Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph	38,900 00
Loan of \$1,000,000 00	1,000,000 00
Loan of \$800,000 00	461,900 00

\$19,657,670 87

From which deduct
Loans paid during the year 1856
as follows, to wit:

Amount paid, due	
1845 \$	300 00
Ditto 1853	1,300 00
Ditto 1854	500 00
Ditto 1855	7,204 00
Ditto 1856	177,189 44

\$186,493 44

\$19,471,177 43

RECAPITULATION.

Years.	Five Per Cents.	Six Per Cents.	Totals.
1857	97,400 00	92,091 55	189,491 55
1858	115,500 00	55,528 26	171,028 26
1859	111,894 20	3,320 80	115,215 00
1860	876,643 65	378,263 55	1,254,907 20
1861	183,873 16	88,500 00	272,373 16
1862	118,400 00	38,196 49	156,596 49
1863	216,300 00	61,458 00	277,758 00
1864	134,700 00	47,760 00	182,460 00
1865	412,700 00	103,640 00	516,340 00
1866	67,500 00	30,870 32	98,370 32
1867	153,600 00	85,827 03	239,427 03
1868	132,954 04	103,527 39	236,481 43
1869	100,293 15	7,733 20	108,026 35
1870	122,800 00	176,982 19	299,782 19
1871	133,400 00	236,545 66	369,945 66
1872	97,600 00	133,550 00	231,150 00
1873	100,900 00	666,848 53	767,748 53
1874	53,900 00	113,161 70	167,061 70
1875	15,000 00	114,500 00	129,500 00
1876	9,400 00	617,753 90	627,153 90
1877	2,000 00	290,877 67	292,877 67
1878	2,000 00	311,831 45	313,831 45
1879	2,000 00	277,800 00	279,800 00
1880	76,198 42	579,545 80	655,744 22
1881	32,600 00	1,619,520 64	1,652,120 64
1882	9,400 00	395,000 00	404,400 00
1883	3,000 00	405,254 57	408,254 57
1884	10,600 00	1,350,800 00	1,361,400 00
1885	3,850 00	1,469,500 00	1,473,350 00
1886		2,050,000 00	2,050,000 00
1887		718,309 84	718,309 84
1888		225,000 00	225,000 00
1889		1,014,200 00	1,014,200 00
1890		750,000 00	750,000 00
1891		250,000 00	250,000 00
1892		925,000 00	925,000 00
1893		182,213 51	182,213 51
1894		30,000 00	30,000 00
1904		44,552 23	44,552 23
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	3,396,406 62	16,045,464 28	19,441,870 90

STATEMENT 9.

Showing the Stocks held by the City of Philadelphia, in various Companies, and under the Control of the Department of City Treasurer.

Pennsylvania Railroad Company	\$5,000,000 00
North Pennsylvania Railroad Company	1,400,000 00
Sunbury and Erie Railroad Company	2,000,000 00
Hempfield Railroad Company	600,000 00
North Western Railroad Company	750,000 00
Schuylkill Railroad Company	4,000 00
West Philadelphia Canal Company Stock and Loan	10,000 00
Philadelphia Tow Boat Company	7,500 00
Schuylkill Permanent Bridge Company, (394 Shares) balance	1,536 00
Blockley and Marion Plank Road Co.	10,000 00
Belmont Avenue Plank Road Stock	10,000 00
Brachtown and Germantown Turnpike and Plank Road Company,	100 00
Moyamensing Gas Company,	1,200 00
Delaware and Schuylkill Canal Company, (500 Shares.)	
Arbon Land Company, (500 Shares.)	
Haverford Plank Road Company, (80 Shares.)	
Philadelphia and West Chester Turnpike Company, (80 Shares.)	
Delaware County Turnpike, (20 Shares.)	
Cairo City and Cairo Canal Company, (10 Shares.)	

NOTE.—In addition to the above, there has been issued to the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works, on the Loan authorized by City Councils, Ordinance July 13, 1855, the sum of 406,200 00

STATEMENT 10.

Showing the Investments, &c., of the Trust Funds, the Income from which is paid to the City Treasurer direct.

Benjamin Franklin's Legacy.

City five per cent. Loans	9,900 00
City six " "	7,500 00
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	17,400 00

John Scott's Legacy, of \$3,000.

City five per cent. Loans	3,200 00
City six " "	2,700 00
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	5,900 00

John Scott's Legacy of \$4,000.

City five per cent. Loans	7,300 00
City six " "	3,500 00
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	10,800 00

Fuel Funds, Bleakley, &c., &c.

City five per cent. Loans	6,800 00
Bank of Pennsylvania Stock	1,600 00
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	8,400 00

Yellow Fever Fund.

City five per cent. Loans	11,100 00
City six " "	700 00
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	11,800 00

Wills Hospital.

City five per cent. Loans	13,000 00
City six " "	27,800 00
Mortgage, Philadelphia Exchange	34,000 00
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	74,800 00

Samuel Scottin's Legacy.

Ground Rent	12 00
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Esther Waters' Legacy.

Six per cent. Loan of Schuylkill Navigation Company	10,463 72
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STATEMENT 10.—*Continued.**George Emlen's Legacy.*

Six per cent. Loan of Schuylkill Navigation Company	5,625 00
Six per cent. Loan of Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	2,200 58
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	7,525 58

Paul Beck's Legacy.

Ground Rent (of per annum)	500 00
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Elias Boudinot's Legacy.

13,000 Acres of Land in Centre County.

Fuel Funds, by Act of Assembly, March 16, 1847.

Ground Rent (per annum)	192 00
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Thomas D. Grover's Legacy.

City five per cent. Loans	49,350 00
Debts and Securities considered good	170 53
“ “ not considered good	3,110 93
Real Estate, valued at	34,500 00
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	87,131 46

B. McMahan's Legacy.

City six per cent. Loans	500 00
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STATEMENT No. 11.

RECEIPTS IN DETAIL OF 1856.

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES, &c.

Thomas Birch, Commissioner.

Sewer Permits,	\$ 860 00	
“ Repaving,	241 00	
“ Rents,	1,968 05	
Drays, Carts, Wagon,		
&c. Permits,	1,955 37	
Building Permits,	403 25	
Vault “	455 50	
Rail Road Turnout		
Permits,	20 00	
Refuse Stone,	1,078 63	
Hotel--Private--Hack-		
ney Coaches and		
Drivers' Licenses,	776 00	
Omnibus Licenses,	4,275 00	
Paving and Repairing,	2,364 80	
Miscellaneous Re-		
ceipts,	2 50	
Paving over Gas Pipes		
in 1854 and 1855,	1,080 46	
Alex. Gwin, amount		
of Sundry War-		
rants,	188 99	
	<hr/>	15,669 55

CITY RAIL ROAD.

John Neff, Superintendent.

Tolls,	7,373 30	
Old Iron and Timber,	30 73	
Materials,	20 29	
	<hr/>	7,424 32

Amount carried forward,	<hr/>	23,093 87
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STATEMENT 11.—*Continued.**John Mc Carthy, Commissioner.*

Amount brought forward,	\$23,093 87
Sewer Permits,	990 00
“ Repaving,	237 50
“ Rents,	424 92
Drays, Carts, Wagons, &c. Permits,	434 00
Building Permits,	269 50
Vault “	675 25
Railroad turnout Permits,	30 00
Refuse Stone,	430 73
Hotel and private Hack- ney Coaches and Drivers’ Licenses,	203 50
Omnibus Licenses	720 00
Paving and Repaving,	732 09
	<hr/> 5,147 49

CITY RAILROAD.

R. L. West, Superintendent.

Tolls,	2,790 22
	<hr/> 31,031 58

DEPARTMENT FOR SUPPLYING THE CITY WITH WATER.

George W. Mc Mahan, Register.

Annual Rents,	321,305 83
Fractional Rents,	16,606 14
Iron Pipes,	10,048 76
Penalty,	2,842 49
Delinquents of 1855,	1,133 32
	<hr/> 351,936 54

Frederick Graff, Chief Engineer.

Rent of Wharf and Dwelling,	257 00
Ground Rents,	70 00
Use of Party Wall,	93 62
Old Materials,	20 47
Shifting Fire Plugs,	24 57
	<hr/> 465 66

Amount carried forward,	<hr/> 352,402 20
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STATEMENT 11.—*Continued.**William V. McKean, Register.*

Amount brought forward,	352,402	20	
Annual Rents,	28,772	61	
Fractional Rents,	7,060	19	
Iron Pipes,	21,873	91	
Penalty,	4,257	42	
Delinquents of 1855,	80	86	
Repairs,	6	25	
	<hr/>	62,051	24
		<hr/>	414,453 44

DEPARTMENT OF WHARVES AND LANDINGS.

James Horner, Superintendent.

Rents,	37,457	75	
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Charles C. Wilson, Commissioner.

Rents,	900	00	
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Samuel C. Thompson, Commissioner.

Rents,	10,002	75	
	<hr/>		48,360 50

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Isaac Hazlehurst, Solicitor.

Liens,	18,923	07	
Interest on Liens,	773	25	
Costs,	2,248	23	
Taxes,	1,059	08	
Board of Health,	102	95	
Guardians of the			
Poor,	617	37	
	<hr/>	23,723	95

William A. Porter, Solicitor.

Liens,	12,187	03	
Interest on Liens,	982	18	
Costs,	2,086	13	
Taxes,	122	60	
	<hr/>	15,377	94
		<hr/>	39,101 89

STATEMENT 11.—*Continued.*

DEPARTMENT OF CITY PROPERTY.

George J. Hamilton, Commissioner.

Rents of Tenements and Public Halls,	16,708	52
Ground Rents,	4,687	65
Revenue of Tobacco Warehouse,	1,024	22
Sales of Hay and Old Materials,	517	27
	<hr/>	22,937 66

Eugene Ahern, Commissioner.

Rents of Tenements and Public Halls,	4,257	96
Ground Rents,	3,417	87
Revenue of Tobacco Warehouse,	945	58
Sales of Hay from Public Squares,	90	00
Pasturage at Hunt- ing Park,	35	00
Incidental Receipts,	18	75
	<hr/>	8,765 16
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		31,702 82

DEPARTMENT OF MARKET HOUSES.

Charles C. Wilson, Commissioner.

Rent of Stalls and Stands,	69,107 22
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TRUSTEES OF THE ICE BOAT.

For Towage of the Winter of 1856,	5,395 26
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LIGHTING THE CITY.

John Weigand, Cashier.

Amounts received from sundry persons, for Damages to Public Lamps,	119 61
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PAWNBROKERS' LICENSES.

Received from sundry persons,	2,500 00
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STATEMENT 11.—*Continued.*

LICENCES TO SELL GUNPOWDER.

Received from sundry persons,	275 00
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GUARDIANS OF THE POOR.

John P. Wetherill, Treasurer.

Balance per last report,	714 75
Bonded Cases,	2,083 04
Support Cases,	1,631 25
Returned Cases,	10 49
Emigrant Tax,	703 00
Support of Mont- gomery Co. Poor,	44 37
Support of Delaware Co. Poor,	45 63
Tickets to Clinic lectures,	600 00
Taxes of 1853,	400 00
	<hr/> 6,232 53

Frederick A. Server, Treasurer.

Bonded Cases,	3,270 93
Support Cases,	2,728 66
Indenture fees, Gi- nard College,	189 00
Emigrant Tax,	5,471 00
Stewards' House Re- ceipts,	4,080 94
	<hr/> 15,740 53
	<hr/> 21,973 06

BOARD OF HEALTH.

James W. T. McCallister, Health Officer.

Fees on vessels from foreign ports,	3,960 00
Fees on Coasting Vessels,	915 50
Examination of Passengers,	3,530 50
Re-payment on Costs for re- moving nuisances,	2,933 82
Board of Patients at Hospitals,	1,728 21
Outside channel fees,	500 00
Licenses, permits, &c.,	2,106 50
Miscellaneous rents,	218 50
	<hr/> 15,893 03

STATEMENT 11.—*Continued.*

CONTROLLERS OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

State Appropriation, 30,430 05

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Error overcharged in Treasurer's Report, \$41 10

Fines and Penalties.

Wards.	Aldermen.		
1st.	William Allen		\$12 25
3rd.	Robert T. Carter	\$ 44 68	
"	Samuel F. Flood	71 46	
		<hr/>	116 14
4th	Abraham McGarry	356 52	
"	George Moore	395 34	
		<hr/>	751 86
7th	John Coulter		178 46
8th	William Ogle		70 93
9th.	John Thompson		265 17
10th.	Wm. H. Hibberd	20 67	
"	Jacob Snyder	362 74	
		<hr/>	383 41
11th.	John G. Wolf	11 17	
"	Jacob B. Coates	305 18	
		<hr/>	316 35
12th.	Samuel L. Clement		185 55
13th.	Wm. H. Butler		43 50
14th.	Wm. G. Conrow	2 00	
"	A. J. Boswell	7 67	
		<hr/>	9 67
15th.	Alexander Martin	13 57	
"	F. W. Binder	17 00	
		<hr/>	30 57
16th.	A. H. Shoemaker	22 00	
"	Frederick Reel	24 93	
		<hr/>	46 93
17th.	John Devlin	177 39	
"	Hugh Clark	18 02	
		<hr/>	195 41
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Amounts carried forward		2,606 30	41 20

STATEMENT '11.—*Continued.*

Amounts brought forward		2,606 30	41 20
Wards.	Aldermen.		
18th.	John Clouds	62 90	
19th.	J. M. Cathers	182 60	
"	James Tagert	73 89	
"	E. Jared Megonegal	100 57	
		<hr/>	357 06
20th.	William Shane	45 60	
"	T. Hope Palmer	115 33	
		<hr/>	160 93
21st.	John B. Gibson		14 60
22nd.	Reuben Wunder		8 14
23rd.	F. H. McConaghy	17 28	
"	Amos A. Gregg	29 33	
"	Thomas Helveston	8 00	
"	Joseph Boucher	1 34	
	Israel Elliott	65 00	
		<hr/>	120 95
24th.	Benj. F. Warren	3 33	
"	Simon Goodman	5 37	
"	Joseph G. Miller	71 67	
"	Thomas J. Watson	30 97	
"	James Hudson	12 33	
"	J. W. Bartram	5 00	
"	James Allen	8 00	
		<hr/>	136 67
		<hr/>	3,467 45
High Constables for dog penalties			138 50
Henry Mooney, Violation of Market Ordinance			3 50
William B. Reed, District Attorney, Fees, Fines, &c.			1,316 75
George Megee, Sheriff			1,163 75
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			6,089 95

STATEMENT 11.—*Continued.*

TAXES OF 1856.

JOHN M. COLEMAN AND PETER ARMBRUSTER, *Receivers.*

	Assessed.	Received.
1st Ward,	\$76,287 27	\$49,720 21
2	60,263 52	41,289 03
3	46,587 22	37,195 51
4	53,748 93	42,756 96
5	263,333 50	209,675 36
6	408,238 94	331,631 08
7	135,978 07	103,236 10
8	254,445 60	202,096 29
9	211,081 69	164,507 62
10	156,824 61	122,971 31
11	83,620 65	65,253 40
12	77,783 60	63,139 56
13	100,786 07	81,928 28
14	95,598 21	71,456 86
15	109,323 38	71,292 98
16	56,714 43	44,929 60
17	36,238 51	28,578 34
18	50,852 83	37,048 07
19	95,890 38	49,162 98
20	94,931 51	57,713 01
21	54,306 79	36,282 72
22	59,771 54	46,420 89
23	64,883 01	47,377 47
24	97,525 75	60,155 76
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	2,745,016 01	2,065,819 39
Personal Taxes	23,602 45	2,399 14
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	\$2,768,618 46	\$2,068,218 53

STATEMENT 11.—*Continued.*

TAXES OF 1855.

John M. Coleman, Receiver.

Taxes, Interest and Advertising, 320,814 94

Peter Armbruster, Receiver.

Taxes, Interest and Advertising, 30,486 64

351,301 58

TAXES OF 1854.

John M. Coleman, Receiver.

Duplicate, 40,584 01

Less per act of Councils, 4,295 58

36,288 43*Peter Armbruster, Receiver.*

Taxes, 1,591 61

37,880 04

REGISTERED TAXES.

J. M. Coleman, Receiver, 387 92

P. Armbruster, Receiver, 807 31

1,195 23

COUNTY TAXES.

John M. Coleman, Receiver, 2,532 09

SCHOOL TAXES.

John M. Coleman, Receiver, 2,151 90

CORPORATION AND POOR TAXES.

Geo. M. Hill, Third Ward, Ken-
sington,

306 06

6,185 28

STATE TAXES.

John M. Coleman, Receiver, 146,727 47

Peter Armbruster, Receiver, 243,856 69

390,584 16

STATEMENT 11.—*Continued.*

INTEREST ON STOCKS.

Pennsylvania Railroad Com- pany	340,000 00	
Sunbury and Erie Railroad Company,	148,500 00	
North Western Railroad Com- pany,	18,375 00	
North Pennsylvania Railroad Company,	9,160 00	
Philadelphia Gas Works,	50,505 00	
Southwark Gas Company,	179 20	
West Chester Turnpike Co.,	220 00	
	<hr/>	566,939 20

SINKING FUNDS.

Sinking Fund of \$10,000,000,	57,409 97	
Sinking Fund of Philadelphia Gas Works,	9,441 00	
Sinking Fund of North West- ern Railroad Company,	156 00	
Sinking Fund of Certain Obli- gations,	54 00	
Sinking Fund of Sunbury and Erie Railroad Company,	27 00	
Sinking Fund of Road damages,	3 00	
	<hr/>	67,090 97

INTEREST.

On Certificates of Loan issued and returned,	770 93	
Loan of \$1,000,000, Cash,	971,500 00	
Loan of \$800,000, Cash,	461,900 00	

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.

Blood's Despatch,	05	
F. Lightfoot, Fees of Eleventh Survey District,	20 00	
J. Lightfoot, Fees of Twelfth Survey District,	20 87	
Strickland Kneass, Survey Report,	1 50	
P. Fitzpatrick, premium of In- surance on Dock St. Stores,	266 00	
	<hr/>	308 42

STATEMENT 12.

*Receipts on account of Trust Funds.**Girard Estates.—Charles C. Smith, Treasurer.*

Schuylkill Navigation Company interest,	\$9,157 23	
Philadelphia Gas Company interest,	285 00	
Philadelphia Exchange Company dividend,	200 00	
Pennsylvania State loan, 5 per cent.,	3,514 46	
Real estate, Schuylkill and Columbia Co.,	956 09	
City loan, interest,	5,580 96	
Union Canal Co.,	30 00	
Germantown and Perkiomen Turnpike Co. dividend,	11 00	
Insurance Company State of Pennsylvania,	352 00	
		\$20,086 74

J. Hutchinson, Agent.

Girard Rents,	78,016 56
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George F. Goodman, Superintendent.

Girard rents,	74,643 54	
City loans, interest,	5,580 96	
State loans, 5 per cent., interest,	3,514 46	
Schuylkill Navigation Co. interest,	11,357 23	
Philadelphia Gas loan interest,	285 00	
Insurance Company State of Pennsylvania dividend,	220 00	
Philadelphia Exchange Co.,	700 00	
Insurance,	37 50	
Union Canal Co. interest,	30 00	
Germantown and Perkiomen Turnpike Co.,	5 00	
		96,373 69
		194,476 99

Grover Trust.

Interest on City loans,	2,319 44	
Rents,	470 00	
		2,789 44

Wills Hospital.

Interest on City loans,	2,315 00	
Interest on mortgage of Philadelphia Ex- change Co.,	2,040 00	
Yellow Fever funds,	561 60	
Dividend on loan,	20 00	
Board of Patients,	900 52	
Miscellaneous receipts,	109 48	
		5,946 60

Benjamin Franklin's Legacy.

Instalments on loans,	365 26	
Interest on loans,	878 55	
		1,243 81

STATEMENT 12.—*Continued.**Paul Beck's Legacy.*

Rents,	500 00
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Samuel Scottin's Legacy.

Ground rents,	12 00
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Fuel Fund of City of Philadelphia.

Interest on loans,	319 60	
Pennsylvania Bank stock dividend,	108 00	
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Fuel Fund, per Act of Assembly.

Interest on mortgage,	288 00
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John Scott's Legacy of \$3,000.

Interest on loans,	304 30	
Instalment on loans,	39 00	
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John Scott's Legacy of \$4,000.

Interest on loans,	522 65
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Esther Waters' Legacy.

Interest on loans,	941 72
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George Emlen's Legacy.

Interest on loans,	588 06
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Girard Bequest to Public Schools.

Interest on loans,	627 00
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Bernard M' Mahon's Legacy.

Per City Treasurer,	514 25
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Yellow Fever Fund.

See Wills Hospital account,	561 60
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STATEMENT 13.

SHOWING THE EXPENDITURES IN DETAIL—1856.

Department of Police.

R. T. Conrad, Mayor, salary from January 1 to May 13, inclusive,	\$2,206 84	
Clerk,	367 82	
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R. Vaux, Mayor, salary from May 13 to December 31,	2,219 86	
Clerk,	634 24	
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Marshal's salary,		2,500 00
Officers attached to Mayor's office,		12,749 99
Patrol force,		3,288 00
Rent of station houses,	3,377 86	
Fuel,	1,698 83	
Gas,	1,992 70	
Water,	85 00	
Conveying prisoners,	2,024 71	
Cleaning station houses,	2,520 70	
Repairs to station houses, meals for prisoners, and incidentals,	2,148 34	
Stationery and printing,	1,692 32	
Expenses incident to arrest and conviction of offenders,	795 78	
Police equipments,	499 40	
Taking up and killing dogs,	1,416 88	
Matches for public lamps,	63 00	
Salaries of police magistrates,	1,145 09	
Repairs to stoves in station houses,	499 61	
Repairs and surrendering up station houses,	1,999 61	
Expenses of police telegraph,	2,499 34	
	<hr/>	24,459 17
Salaries of First Ward,	2,216 62	
Second Ward,	2,665 97	
Third Ward,	2,919 43	
Fourth Ward,	2,581 04	
Fifth Ward,	4,930 59	
Sixth Ward,	4,964 84	
Seventh Ward,	4,701 80	
Eighth Ward,	3,623 62	
Ninth Ward,	3,533 21	
Tenth Ward,	3,404 41	
Eleventh Ward,	2,268 68	
Twelfth Ward,	1,976 05	
Thirteenth Ward,	2,030 31	
Fourteenth Ward,	2,513 91	
Fifteenth Ward,	3,953 79	
Sixteenth Ward,	2,433 08	
Seventeenth Ward,	2,534 47	
Eighteenth Ward,	1,948 11	
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Amounts carried forward,	\$55,199 93	\$48,425 92

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	Amounts brought forward,	\$55,919 93	\$48,425 92
Salaríes of	Nineteenth Ward,	3,008 48	
	Twentieth Ward,	3,079 72	
	Twenty-first Ward,	1,534 37	
	Twenty-second Ward,	1,019 25	
	Twenty-third Ward,	1,454 92	
	Twenty-fourth Ward,	2,241 30	
			67,537 97
	First District,	21,487 10	
	Second District,	24,336 04	
	Third District,	22,020 20	
	Fourth District,	20,953 98	
	Fifth District,	31,908 23	
	Sixth District,	29,900 43	
	Seventh District,	17,869 17	
	Eighth District,	17,533 43	
	Ninth District,	14,184 40	
	Tenth District,	23,158 66	
	Eleventh District,	22,103 05	
	Twelfth District,	12,448 82	
	Thirteenth District,	6,150 50	
	Fourteenth District,	4,774 47	
	Fifteenth District,	5,771 97	
	Sixteenth District,	8,613 10	
			283,213 55

Bills of 1854 and 1855.

Repairs to stoves, and coal,	195 34	
Policemen,	81 37	
Matches,	22 00	
Repairs to station houses,	89 55	
Conveying prisoners,	428 21	
Medical services,	54 00	
Rent of station house in Twelfth Ward,	112 50	
Painting, printing, stationery and postage,	178 31	
Blinds for Mayor's office,	8 88	
Ice for station houses,	307 64	
Smith work,	15 38	
Expenses going to Utica,	30 00	
Carriage hire,	8 50	
Paper hanging,	17 24	
Removal of nuisances,	23 50	
Gas fitting,	20 75	
Cleaning station houses,	19 37	
Furniture,	23 37	
Arrest of prisoners, and meals,	12 09	
Carpenter work and tin ware,	4 95	
Police badges,	101 00	
Pay for sickness,	124 67	
Enforcement of ordinances,	52 50	
Carting,	2 50	
Binding Books.	2 50	
		1,936 12
		\$401,113 56

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS.

Contracts.

	Cer. of Loan.	Cash.	
Henry Delaney, in full of his contract with the District of Richmond for building bridge over Gunner's run,	\$26,700 00	\$6 03	\$26,706 03
William H. Miles, in full of his contract with the District of Richmond, for building bridges over Gunner's run, at York street,	300 00	13 45	313 45
Edward L. Spain, in full for contract as Superintendent in building bridges over Gunner's run, District of Richmond,	200 00		200 00

Damages in Opening Streets.

Opening Franklin street:			
St. John's M. E. Church,	1,800 00	50 00	1,850 00
Mathew Robinson,		31 50	
William Hughes,		12 00	
John Dardine,		22 00	
John Uhler,		31 00	
C. H. Behring,		19 50	
Arthur Woolston,		27 00	
William Mager,		17 00—	160 00
Opening Chestnut street:			
N. B. Brown,	2,500 00		2,500 00
Opening Swain street:			
David Ellis,	800 00	72 72	872 72
G. H. Hart,	1,200 00	51 28	1,251 28
Opening Allen's alley:			
C. M. Husbands,	200 00	50 00	250 00
Widening Poplar street, from Sixth to Marshall:			
Daniel Jeffries,	3,800 00		3,800 00
Daniel Earley,	1,200 00	50 00	1,250 00
Opening Spring Garden street, west of Broad:			
J. F. Shannon,	100 00		
Richard Wistar,	2,500 00		
Hartman S. Kuhn,	800 00		
Thomas Earp,	500 00		
Enos Chapman,	200 00		
Robert Earp,	500 00		
Elizabeth Rubicam's Estate,	1,500 00		
Jacob W. Horter,	400 00		
Mathew Walker,	300 00—		6,800 00
Peter Marsellis,	2,000 00	80 00	2,080 00
James Howard,	300 00	50 00	350 00
Amounts carried forward,	\$20,600 00	\$583 48	\$21,164 00

	Cer. of Loan.	Cash.	
Amounts brought forward,	20,600 00	583 48	21,164 00
Opening Richmond street :			
Tyler Allen,	200 00	20 00	220 00
Opening Columbia street :			
George Brinton,	700 00	50 00	750 00
Opening Charlotte street :			
James McCort,	100 00		
Opening Marshall street :			
Samuel Grim,	300 00		
Opening Tenth street :			
Joseph Naglee,	400 00		
Opening Baker st., Manayunk :			
William A. Simpson,	800 00		
Opening Harrison street :			
Harrison & Brother,	500 00		2,100 00
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	\$50,800 00	\$653 48	51,453 48

For New Paving of Intersections of Streets.

Paving,	12,899 29	
Flag, curb and gutter stone,	3,295 00	
Paving stone,	140 86	
Carting,	245 00	
Smith and Carpenter work,	46 50	
Gravel,	136 45	
	<hr/>	16,763 10

Repairing and Repaving Streets, and Paving over Gas and Water Pipes.

Labor,	63,414 69	
Smith work,	3,214 91	
Gravel,	11,654 65	
Bricks,	546 35	
Cubical blocks,	1,503 60	
Wharfage,	84 25	
Curb, flag and gutter stone,	4,915 65	
Paving stone,	3,322 83	
Carpenter work and lumber,	146 91	
Gutter bridges and brooms,	207 97	
	<hr/>	89,011 81
Amount carried forward,		<hr/>
		\$157,228 39

Grading Streets and Roads.

Amount brought forward,		\$157,228 39
Labor,	\$14,273 67	
Martin & Phelan, grading Berks avenue,	5,913 27	
Hardware and smith work,	349 11	
Carpenter work and lumber,	129 08	
	<hr/>	20,665 13

Repairing Roads.

Labor,	35,774 27	
Hardware and Smithwork,	885 71	
Flag and Paving stone,	624 50	
Lumber and carpenter work,	248 54	
Gravel,	181 45	
Powder,	51 50	
Toll,	7 43	
	<hr/>	37,773 40

Paving Footways.

Bricks, sand, gravel, and workmen's wages,	3,371 69
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Repairs to Culverts and Inlets.

Brick work, stone work, carpenter work, labor, bricks, stone, castings, lumber, sand and lime,	14,983 64
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Repairing Bridges.

Labor,	3,982 72	
Lumber and carpenter work,	2,561 63	
Building bridges,	2,504 31	
Flag stone,	253 55	
Hardware, coal and buckets,	281 92	
Printing,	477 55	
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Cleaning Streets and Markets.

Carting and workmen's wages,	82,082 82
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Cleaning and Repairing Unpaved Streets.

Carting, labor and materials,	10,861 17
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Amount carried forward,	8337,027 92
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Labor and Repairs on City Railroad.

Amount brought forward,		337,027 92
Labor,	\$3,505 39	
Smith work, hardware and iron,	1,567 90	
Lumber,	376 61	
Carting,	301 61	
Rent of office,	150 00	
Salt, coal, gravel and printing,	80 24—	5,981 75

Repairs to Wells and Pumps.

Repairing wells, pumps, and material,	2,363 55
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Salaries.

Of Commissioners, Supervisors, License Clerk, Superintendent of City Railroad, Messenger, and Watchmen of Bridges,	26,477 11
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Completing Contracts, Girard Avenue, Twenty-Fourth Ward.

Samuel Martin, Grading,	2,913 33	
Wm. McCloskey, “	1,487 57	
Lewis Smith, Fencing,	155 00—	4,555 90

Grading Girard Avenue, Twentieth Ward.

Grading,	136 25	
Hardware,	20 13—	156 38

Printing, stationery and advertising,	1,290 65
Insurance on bridges,	1,100 00
Index boards for streets,	200 00
Expenses of offices and yards,	985 96

Incidental Expenses.

Labor, coal, printing and painting,	422 45	
Carriage hire and horse keep,	537 12	
Refreshments and segars,	205 75—	1,165 32

Amount carried forward,	\$381,304 54
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Surveys.

Amount brought forward,		\$381,304 51
Paving of intersections,	\$167 50	
Repaving and paving over gas and water pipes,	243 61	
Grading streets and roads,	705 12	
Repairs of roads,	43 11	
Paving footways,	1,298 85	
Grading Girard avenue, Twen- tieth Ward,	19 50	
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For the Payment of Claims against Girard Avenue Bridge.

Christopher Mason, in full for salary as Superintendent,		\$540 00
Andrew Hague, contractor, per order, as follows, viz :—		
To Francis Edwards,	2,500 00	
James Martin,	600 00	
Jacob Hague,	650 00	
Francis Edwards,	1,250 00	
P. & J. Nailes,	1,099 00	
F. C. Leiper,	3,147 79	
Gheen & Co.,	139 52	
W. G. Hoopes,	208 60	
H. B. Duffie,	500 00	
Henry Delaney,	1,112 53	
T. W. Higgins,	225 00	
T. S. Keen & Co.,	72 03	
Smith, Whippler & Co.,	199 59	
A. S. Ashmead,	1,371 75	
Francis Edwards,	225 00	
Edward H. Wester,	2,004 92	
William M. McClure,	121 80	
Collar & Richmond,	150 00	
Samuel Ogden,	192 51	
	<hr/>	15,770 30

Amount carried forward, \$400,092 53
49

Bills of 1855.

Amount brought forward,		\$400,092 53
New paving,		62 45
Repairing streets and roads :		
Hardware and smith work,	400 72	
Stone,	124 72	
Gravel,	54 50	
Labor,	169 31—	749 25
Grading streets and roads,		198 02
Paving footways,		54 78
Grading Girard and Berks avenues:		
Martin & Phelan,	3,094 92	
Samuel Martin,	2,264 90	
Lewis Smith,	497 79	
Lewis Bitting,	2,000 00—	7,857 61
Repairs to culverts and inlets,		412 85
Repairing bridges,		1,412 28
Repairs and labor on City Railroad,		312 53
Repairs to wells and pumps,		17 20
Incidental expenses,		147 40
William Patterson, bill for bricks,		37 50
Damages for opening Delaware avenue, from Callowhill street to Cohocksink creek,		1,120 00
Thompson street culvert:		
Lane Schofield, in full for contract,	3,275 87	
Thomas Ryan,	1,489 95	
George Blackburn,	1,053 50	
Thomas S. Davis,	560 00—	6,379 32

Bills of 1854 and 1855.

Philip Duffy,	115 50	
Wagner & Bartoletti,	39 33	
Paxon & Phillips,	87 00	
James McCaraher,	75 00	
George Crist,	150 00	
D. H. Shedaker,	304 50	
Adam Richards, et al.,	316 18—	1,087 51
Jos. Lewis, judgment, interest and cost,		102 23

Total, \$420,043 46

DEPARTMENT OF CITY COMMISSIONERS.

CIVIL COURTS.

Supreme.

Jurors	2,437 11	
Tipstaves	3,024 00	
Stoves	147 52	
Cleaning rooms	63 00	
Books and Stationery	620 00	
Carpenter Work and Material	290 00	
Jury tickets and Recording	85 00	
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District Court.

Jurors	6,129 20	
Tipstaves	4,333 25	
Stoves	82 80	
Cleaning rooms	208 00	
Books and Stationery	429 95	
Repairing seats	9 50	
Blinds	150 00	
Jury tickets and Recording	155 00	11,497 70

Common Pleas.

Jurors	1,821 78	
Tipstaves	3,093 27	
Indexing, by order of Court	700 00	
Cleaning rooms	179 00	
Books and Stationery	980 00	
“ “ Orphan's court	228 75	
Seal	4 00	
Jury Tickets and Recording	85 00	
Filing Records	59 00	7,150 80

Expenses of Court Rooms and Offices.

Gas and Fixtures	215 95	
Spittoons, water cooler and tinware	90 99	
Fitting up Jury Rooms & Papering	1,794 91	
Repairing Furniture and Rooms	20 00	
Painting and glazing	30 73	
Labor	55 00	2,207 58
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Amount carried forward, 27,522 71

Criminal Court.

Salaries of Tipstaves	9,126	40	
Jurors	5,358	76	
Witnesses Fees	156	64	
District Attorney	4,929	00	
Clerk	5,264	94	
Carriage hire, Grand Jury	460	00	
Cleaning rooms	236	00	
Books and Stationery	1,737	75	
Rent of Grand Jury Rooms	750	00	
Tavern Returns	83	13	
Stoves and Fixtures	32	40	
Painting and glazing	3	75	
Conveying Lunatics to Harrisburg	35	25	
Papering Jury rooms	200	00	
Furnishing Court and Jury rooms	779	56	
Carpenter work	936	65	
Labor	37	50	
Window blinds	79	50	
Serving Process at Harrisburg	10	00	
Seats	9	00	
Gas fixtures and Gas	324	06	
Grand Jurors	3,713	00	
Indexing Naturalization Papers	804	10	
Board of Jurors	137	00	
Interpreter	402	00	
Jury Tickets and Recording Papers	175	00	
Lewis C. Cassidy, District Attorney	262	50	
George Megee, Sheriff's Fees	889	00—	36,932 89

Fuel for Courts and Offices.

Wood and Carting	23	16	
Coal	962	50—	985 66

Repairs to Court Houses and Offices.

Carpenter Work	376	03	
Upholstering	146	42	
Brushes for Court Houses & Offices	180	75	
Plumbing and Gas Fitting	190	20	
Gas Bill	13	73	
Painting and Glazing	12	00	
Brick and Stone Work	47	50—	966 63

Amount carried forward,

66,407 89

Amount brought forward,	66,407 89
Fluid	23 37
Cleaning Office	10 00— 33 37

Preparing Tax Duplicates and Indexing.

Tax Duplicates and Indexing	3,936 35
Examining and Correcting Duplicates	2,000 00—5,936 35

Assessments.—Books and Indexing.

Assessors' Salaries	9,300 00
Printing Lists	6,648 11
Correcting Assessments	550 00
Indexing	3,254 08
Assessment Books	656 00
Statement of Exempt Property	675 00
Transcripts	372 00—21,455 19

Stationery and Incidental Expenses.

Books and Stationery	2,698 13
Tinware, Brushes and Brooms	136 00
Incidentals for Office	165 64—2,999 77

Enumeration of Taxables for Census.

Enumeration	4,183 49
Books for Enumeration	106 25
Printing	17 50—4,307 24

Elections for May, October and November.

Making Transcripts	5,286 98
“ Street Books	3,486 67
Certifying to Transcripts	47 50
Indexing	459 30
Books and Stationery	5,218 35
Printing Sheriff's Proclamations	4,004 00
Collecting and Distributing Ballot Boxes	1,061 00
Printing Election Blanks	156 00
Examining and Ruling Transcripts	1,520 00
Printing Election Laws	323 00
Posting Sheriff's Proclamation and Assessors' Lists	545 00
Ballot Boxes	2,300 00

Amounts carried forward, 24,407 80 101,140 81

Amounts brought forward,	\$24,407 80	101,140 81
Packing Election Papers	150 00	
Delivering Papers	10 00	
Filing and Recording Returns	600 00	
Publishing and Serving Notices	18 25	
Qualifying Officers	221 00	
Rent of Rooms	349 10	
Constables' Fees	153 99	
Judges, Inspectors and Clerks	13,932 35	
Advertising Extra Assessment	19 50	
Twine	69 00	
	<hr/>	39,930 99

Register of Wills and Recorder of Deeds Office.

Books and Stationery for Register	114 50	
Books for Recorder	811 75	
	<hr/>	926 25

Coroner's Fees and Bills.

Jos. Delavan—Bills and Fees	3,737 03
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Sheriff's Fees.

George Megee—Bill of Fees	4,000 00
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Road Jurors.

Fees of Jurors	1,000 00
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Fugitives from Justice.

Expenses for Conveying Prisoners	77 52
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Auditor.

Wm. D. Baker, for Auditing Accounts of Office of Courts of Common Pleas	150 00
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Salaries.

Commissioners	5,104 05	
Clerks, Messengers. Superinten- dent and Watchmen	3,099 60	
	<hr/>	8,203 65

Pennsylvania State Lunatic Hospital.

J. A. Wier, Board of Patients	1,499 50
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Eastern Penitentiary.

Bills of 1855—Support of Convicts	6,592 00
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Amount carried forward,	<hr/>	167,257 75
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Amount brought forward,	167,257 75
<i>House of Refuge.</i>	
Wm. M. Collins, Treasurer	20,000 00
<i>Northern Home.</i>	
M. J. Mitchener, Treasurer	2,000 00
<i>Foster Home.</i>	
S. H. Simmons, Treasurer	1,000 00
<i>Bills of 1855 and 1856.</i>	
J. C. Howell	181 00
Parrish & Hough	244 22
Logan Alcot	89 60
Hancock & Fox	199 00
Samuel Simons	166 19
John L. Cramer	79 50
Chase, Fletcher & Campbell	270 00
J. A. Pugh & Co.	32 78
N. American and U. S. Gazette	16 00
John W. Ryan	8 20
D. B. Kershaw & Co.	15 75
Peter Wagner	135 90
J. Blight, Treasurer Agricultural Society	600 00
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	2,038 14
Wm. A. Leonard, Painting Court Houses	649 00
F. G. & J. J. Frazer, Upholstering	888 92
Jas. P. Smith & Co., Books and Stationery	3,085 87
W. D. Baker, Auditing Accounts	200 00
To pay Assessors	2,800 00
Keyser & Shively, Lumber	566 17
Wolbert & Brother, Ice	116 00
R. F. Morrell, Carpenter Work	108 91
Laws & Weaver, Marble Work	761 82
John W. Hicks, Gas Fixtures	140 50
W. A. Wagner, Paving	13 30—9,330 49
<i>Coal.</i>	
Henry D. Lentz & Co., for Coal	393 75
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Total	\$202,020 13

DEPARTMENT OF CITY PROPERTY.

Salaries of Commissioner of City Property and Messenger,	\$2,000 00
Rent of offices for the Depart- ments of the City Controller and City Treasurer,	3,000 00
Stationery, cleaning, &c.,	332 79—5,332 79

Tobacco Warehouse.

Salaries of officers,	1,159 96
Labor and expenses,	322 10—1,482 06

Public Halls.

Salaries of janitors and watch- men at Halls,	2,640 56
Cleaning and incidentals,	608 86
Clock-keeper, cleaning and re- pairs to clocks,	534 50—3,783 92

Wire Bridge.

Salaries of watchmen,	999 97
Repairs to bridge,	269 95—1,269 92
Watchmen at State House Row,	1,876 15
Watchmen, State House Steeple,	1,499 91—3,376 06

Public Squares.

Salaries of superintendents,	4,699 99
Labor and expenses therein,	3,824 81—8,524 80
Improvement of Norris Square,	1,798 00
Improvement of Hunting Park,	3,971 95—5,769 95
State tax on property,	354 22
Int. on mortgages and ground rents,	6,427 46
Repairs to property,	4,988 55
Curbing and paving,	502 70—12,272 93
Whilmon Whildin's judgment,	8,073 16
Expenses of 1855,	1,506 87—9,580 03
Rent of Adelphi Buildings,	2,625 00
Insurance,	75 00
Evans & Watson,	900 00
H. Jones,	35 00—3,635 00

\$55,027 46

WATER DEPARTMENT.

Salaries and Wages.

Chief Engineer,	\$2,500 00	
Register,	1,800 00	
Clerks and men employed in the Department,	23,944 33	
Labor,	31,084 90	
	<hr/>	\$59,329 23
Fuel,	23,525 12	
Tallow and oil,	3,885 91	
Repairs to boilers, &c.,	5,100 46	
Lumber, brick work, &c.,	6,622 46	
Paints and varnish,	77 09	
Powder,	37 45	
Sundries,	2,187 95	
Steam indicator,	70 00	
Pipes and castings,	29,475 62	
Lead,	3,127 06	
Measuring,	1,891 44	
Iron and steel,	376 47	
Hay and straw,	184 25	
Ground rent,	13 33	
Feed,	186 36	
Wharfage,	68 50	
Committee and office expenses,	951 42	
Advertising,	52 39	
Printing and stationery,	1,772 34	
Rent,	20 00	
	<hr/>	79,625 62
To pay Germantown Water Company,	338 75	
Repairs to Fairmount dam,	4,997 42	
Berkinbine & Trotter,	16,000 00	
	<hr/>	21,336 17
Special appropriation to pay George Cubler for damages sustained,		177 00
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		\$160,468 02

MARKET DEPARTMENT.

Salaries, &c.

Charles C. Wilson, salary as Commissioner,	\$675 00	
Samuel C. Thompson, salary as Commissioner,	176 61	
Clerks of markets,	4,315 41	
Repairs to market-houses,	2,832 06	
Office expenses,	456 57	
State tax and ground rent,	750 00	
J. & L. Powell,	1,713 35	
Morris, Tasker & Morris,	192 40	
William J. O'Farrell,	337 50	
	<hr/>	\$11,448 90

Salaries, &c., for 1855.

Clerks,	101 82	
Repairs of markets,	147 50	
Ground rent,	750 00	
	<hr/>	999 32
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		\$12,448 22

DEPARTMENT OF WHARVES AND LANDINGS.

Salary of Superintendent,	600 00
Cleaning docks,	1,808 00
Repaving wharves,	518 53
Repairing wharves,	4,448 17
Labor,	51 81
Advertising and stationery,	88 31
Ground rents,	279 17
Survey of the river Delaware,	2,500 00
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	\$10,293 99

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Salaries.

Solicitor,	\$2,916 67	
Assistants and Clerk,	4,042 78—	\$6,959 45

Advertising Liens.

Pennsylvania Inquirer,	1,100 00	
Daily Morning Times, .	1,100 00	
Daily News,	1,550 00	
Daily Sun,	1,250 00—	5,000 00

Prothonotaries' Costs.

Court of Common Pleas,	1,231 95	
District Court,	542 87	
Supreme Court,	48 00	
Costs in suits,	182 40	2,005 22
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Sheriff's costs,		1,470 75
Rent of office,	421 29	
Stationery,	200 00	
Printing,	187 00	
Service of subpoenas,	98 50	
Witness fees, certified copies of papers and plans,	126 50	
Miscellaneous advertising,	150 00	
Care of office,	100 81	
Miscellaneous expenses,	288 80—	1,572 90

Expenses of 1855.

Advertising liens,	1,692 00	
Sheriff's costs,	3,740 77	
Stationery and blank books,	95 86	
Care of office,	30 00	
Miscellaneous publications,	149 25	
Miscellaneous expenses,	41 26	
Furnishing office,	20 60	
Law books,	100 50	
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Jacob Fitzwater's judgment,	126 47	
Samuel Haney's judgment,	78 53	
Ambrose Pritchett,	415 14—	620 14

Special.

Advertising liens,	355 00	
Stationery,	200 00	
Printing,	120 12	
Thomas W. Higgins,	150 00	
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Joshua Spering, conveyancing,	127 00	
George F. Goodman, refunded,	232 80—	359 80
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		\$24,683 62

SURVEY DEPARTMENT.

Salaries.

Chief Engineer and Surveyor,	\$3,000	00
Assistant Engineers and Surveyors,	6,000	00
Clerk, Messenger and Draftsman,	1,901 63--10,901	63
Rent of office,	294	44
Furniture,	504 69—	799 13
Stationery,	600	37
Record books, blanks and advertising,	302	83
Carriage hire,	257	10
Incidentals,	167 98—	1,328 28
Surveyor's fees, 1856,	10,220	21
Surveyor's fees, 1855,	3,444 31--13,664	52
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		\$26,693 56

DEPARTMENT OF CITY TREASURY.

Salaries.

City Treasurer,	3,500	00
Clerks and officers,	4,250	00
Temporary clerks,	1,100 83—	8,850 83
Stationery,	1,279	36
Printing and advertising,	771	25
Incidentals and care of office,	690	87
Coal,	55 00—	2,796 48
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		11,647 31

TRUSTEES OF THE CITY ICE BOAT.

Repairs,	24,323	21
Fuel,	4,725	72
Wages,	2,749	96
Provisions,	851	07
Insurance, wharfage, stationery, incidentals,	322	52
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		\$32,972 48

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Salaries.

Chief Engineer	\$1,425 00	
Assistants and Clerk	3,799 98	
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Rent of Office	199 99	
Cleaning "	29 10	
Advertising	80 49	
Printing	131 50	
Stationery, Stamps and Postage	168 66	
Carriage hire	69 00	
Ice	7 98	
Lighting rooms	2 00	
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Appropriations to Fire Engines.

America	400 00	
Columbia	400 00	
Columbia, Germantown,	200 00	
Decatur, Frankford,	200 00	
Delaware	400 00	
Diligent	400 00	
Fairmount	400 00	
Fellowship, Germantown,	200 00	
Franklin	400 00	
Franklin, Frankford,	200 00	
Franklin, Germantown,	200 00	
Friendship	400 00	
Globe	400 00	
Good Intent, Roxborough,	200 00	
Good Intent	266 66	
Hand-in-Hand	400 00	
Hope	400 00	
Humane	333 33	
Independence	400 00	
Liberty, Holmesburg,	200 00	
Manayunk	200 00	
Mechanic	266 66	
Monroe	200 00	
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Amounts carried forward,	7,066 65	5,913 70

Amount brought forward,	7,066 65	5,913 70
Northern Liberty	300 00	
Philadelphia	400 00	
Reliance	400 00	
Southwark	133,33	
Spring Garden	400 00	
United States	400 00	
Vigilant	333 33	
Washington, Frankford,	200 00	
Washington, Germantown,	200 00	
Western	400 00—	10,233 31

Hose Carriages.

America	400 00	
Fairmount	400 00	
Franklin	400 00	
Germantown	200 00	
Humane	366 66	
Marion	400 00	
Neptune	400 00	
Nicetown	200 00	
Niagara	133 33	
Pennsylvania	400 00	
Perseverance	400 00	
Phoenix	266 66	
Philadelphia	400 00	
Robert Morris	400 00	
Schuylkill	400 00	
Shiffler	400 00	
South Penn	266 66	
Southwark	400 00	
Taylor	400 00	
Union	125 00	
United	366 66	
United States	133 33	
Vigilant	400 00	
Vigilant new suction engine	500 00	
Western	133 33	
William Penn	266 66	
Warren	400 00—	8,958 29

Amount carried forward, \$25,105 30

Amount brought forward, \$25,105 30

Hook and Ladder Companies.

Empire	\$400 00	
Excelsior -	200 00	
Mantua	200 00	
Protection	400 00	
Rescue	200 00	

1,400 00

Northern Liberty Engine Co. for 1854 300 00

South Penn Hose Co. 1855	225 00	
Mechanic Engine	225 00	
Vigilant	225 00	
Wm. Penn Hose	225 00	
Good Intent Engine	225 00	
Humane	375 00	
Mantua Hook & Ladder	200 00	

1,700 00

Quarterly visits to fire companies,	\$90 00	
Printing By-laws,	25 00	
Repairing Fire Alarm Bell 8th W'd	6 50	
Boarding of Abel Shawk,	44 00	
Hire of horses and sleighs,	40 00	

205 50

Expense of Steam Fire Engine.

Tender,	\$ 387 50	
Hose and oiling,	1,420 50	
Charles D. Supplee, on account		
building house,	300 00	
Bricks and stone,	1,000 85	
Lumber,	515 11	
Digging foundation,	156 50	
Lime,	27 50	
Marble sills and platform,	44 25	
Galvanized iron,	125 00	
Manilla rope,	23 75	
J. L. Parry, services attending & repairing Steam Fire Engine,	578 66	

Amounts carried forward, 4,579 62 28,710 80

Amounts brought forward,	4,579 62	28,710 80
John Agnew, repairs,	169 40	
Incidentals,	178 87	
Pine wood,	6 68	
H. Cooper, attendance on Engine,	65 00—	4,999 57

Steam Fire Engine.

Salary of Engineer,	\$431 07	
“ Assistant,	375 00	
Horses,	80 00	
Repairing hose,	40 25	
“ wheels and Engine,	27 00	
Coal,	30 00	
Stove,	30 37	
Gas,	11 00	
Four wheels and two bridges,	141 50	
Andrew Benner, hauling Steam Fire Engine “Miles Green- wood,”	14 00—	1,180 19
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		\$34,890 56

CITY CONTROLLER.

Salaries.

City Controller	\$2,750 00	
Clerks and Messenger	6,498 05	
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Annual Statement.

Daily Sun	666 66	
Daily Morning Times	666 67	
Evening Bulletin	666 67	
	<hr/>	2,000 00
Books and Stationery	713 18	
Cleaning Office	130 27	
Pamphlet Laws	50 00	
Advertising	77 35	

Postage	4 83
Office Desk and Cases	54 00
A. Little, expenses	22 00
Annual Report	95 50
Coal	52 50
Locks	8 00
Glazing	2 25
Subscription Newspapers	38 00
Ice	21 00
Incidentals	34 56
Printing	86 00

Unpaid Bills of 1855.

Joseph Hufty, Stationery	100 00	
Geo. P. Little, services to Finance Committee	250 00	
	<hr/>	1,739 44
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		12,987 49

RECEIVER OF TAXES.

Salaries.

Receiver of Taxes	2,499 24	
Clerks and Messenger	6,589 72	
Temporary Clerks	5,890 43	
	<hr/>	14,979 39
Duplicates for Aldermen	2,500 00	
Blank Books and Stationery	926 75	
Printing Bill Books and Tax Bills	2,919 00	
Advertising	296 51	
Posting Bills	180 00	
Expenses of Agents	389 86	
Incidentals	222 62	
	<hr/>	7,434 74

Advertising Names of Delinquent Taxpayers, 1855.

Daily News	1,876 00	
Pennsylvania Inquirer	1,876 00	
Evening Bulletin	1,876 00	
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Advertising Names of Delinquent Taxpayers, 1854.

Joseph R. Flannigan	2,500 00	
Wallace & Fletcher	2,500 00	
Jesper Harding	2,500 00	
Alexander Cummings	2,500 00	
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		\$38,042 13

CLERKS OF COUNCILS.

Salaries.

Clerks and Messengers,	\$6,804 19	
Stationery,	2,889 48	
Binding,	1,855 87—	\$11,549 54

*Expenses of Councils and Committees of Councils.**Advertising.*

Evening Bulletin,	\$924 87	
Daily News,	907 00	
Daily Morning Times,	903 75	
Evening Argus,	721 95	
Pennsylvanian,	754 00	
N. American and U. S. Gazette,	661 92	
Pennsylvania Inquirer,	122 50	
R. D. Wilkinson, Recording		
Ordinances,	1,003 25—	5,999 24
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Amount carried forward, \$17,548 78

Amount brought forward, 17,548 78

Printing Journal.

J. H. Jones & Co.,	\$2,486 14	
Crissy & Markley,	4,313 20	
Wm. H. Sickles,	1,192 06	
Thomas H. Town,	1,175 72	
James Gibbons,	1,116 39	
Bicking & Gilbert,	361 75	
B. F. Jackson,	232 79	
William Y. Owens,	147 50	
A. Harkins,	66 00	
M. Heim,	38 50	
B. F. Mifflin,	28 50	
	<hr/>	11,158 55

Furniture,	\$399 07	
Carriages,	977 00	
Cleaning,	220 18	
Incidentals,	226 64	
Locks and keys,	96 32	
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Unpaid Bills of 1855.

Advertising.

Daily Morning Times,	461 38	
Evening Bulletin,	647 07	
Daily News,	454 43	
	<hr/>	1,562 88

Printing.

William H. Sickles,	\$ 504 25	
Crissy & Markley,	1,955 07	
J. H. Jones,	1,062 53	
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Binding.

John Trinkle,	423 40	
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Stationery.

Joseph Hufty,	1,384 93	
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Amount carried forward, \$37,619 60

Amount brought forward,		37,619 60
Carriages,	\$286 00	
Cleaning,	30 00	
Contested Election 15th Ward,	100 00	
Jacob Collady,	900 00	
John M. Reilly, petty bill,	84 00	
	<hr/>	1,400 00
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		\$39,019 60

LIGHTING THE CITY.

Trustees of the Philadelphia		
Gas Works,	\$189,336 76	
Southwark and Moyamensing		
Gas Company,	3,087 24	
Manayunk Gas Co.,	880 25	
Germantown Gas Co.,	1,762 50	
Northern Liberties Gas Co.,	8,777 36	
*Locating and setting lamps,	20 75	
*Lamps and repairs,	4,128 98	
*Bills for fluid and alcohol,	7,419 65	
*Hardware and carting,	67 48	
Making ladders,	22 25	
*Lamp Cleaners and Lighters,	5,503 99	
Lamp cocks,	219 00	
Storage for fluid,	14 00	
Salary of Superintendent,	214 58	
	<hr/>	\$221,454 79

* The sum of \$7,952 63, paid on bills of 1855, is included in these items.

APPENDIX TO JOURNAL OF COMMON COUNCIL.

CONTROLLERS OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Salaries of the Professors of
the High School, Teachers
of the Normal School and
Sectional Schools,

\$301,739 82

Rents, 18,350 82

Ground rents, 7,890 24

Water " 761 80

Repairs, 11,020 69

Stoves and furnaces, 4,485 10

Cleaning and superintendence, 28,374 83

Furniture, 3,717 62

Night School expenses, 15,224 05

Incidentals, 2,699 24

High School Commencement, 99 91

Fuel, 17,323 42

Philosophical Apparatus, 299 97

Books and Stationery, 39,957 61

General expenses, 7,045 39

Gas fixtures 20th Section, 200 00—\$459,160 51

Bills of 1855.

Salaries of the Professors of
the High School, Teachers
of the Normal School and
Sectional Schools, and Su-
perintendents,

\$90,401 55

Rent, 1,959 25

Ground rent, 1,623 00

Repairs, 2,253 99

Stoves and Furnaces, 405 28

Furniture, 229 05

Printing and Incidentals, 1,261 41

Books and Stationery, 3,195 25

General Expenses, 498 41

Fuel, 107 00

Mathematical Instruments, 14 50—101,948 69

\$561,109 20

NOTE.—The sum of \$36,900 of the above amount, was expended in the payment of bills of 1855—the same being the excess of expenditures over appropriations made for that year, and made chargeable to the appropriations for the year 1856.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Health Office.

Salaries of Officers,	\$7,819 94	
Supplies, including table ex- penses, &c.,	340 12	
Expense of Committees,	170 50	
Carriage hire and travelling expenses,	117 41	
Repairs and painting,	377 73	
Library,	146 52	
Brandy, whiskey, wine, ale and cigars,	361 74	
Office expenses,	9 87	
Taxes on real estate, water rent, fuel and gas,	323 43	
	<hr/>	\$9,667 20

Lazaretto.

Salaries of Officers,	\$5,814 51	
Supplies, including drugs and medicines, clothing, bedding, fuel and table expenses,	685 50	
General Expenses,	1,497 28	
Carriage hire,	54 00	
Brandy, whiskey and cigars,	233 55	
Repairs,	255 97	
Expense of Committees,	25 75	
Books,	71 44	
Carrying mail,	196 37	
	<hr/>	8,834 37

Lazaretto Hospital.

Building wharf,	\$544 03	
Repairs, &c.,	134 97	
Filling ice house,	71 00	
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City Hospital.

Salaries of Officers,	\$1,632 45	
Amount carried over,		<hr/> \$19,251 57

Amount brought over,	19,251 57
Board of Nurses and Patients, including drugs and medi- cines,	2,121 34
Supplies,	440 88
General Expenses,	905 49
Fuel,	525 15
Brandy, whiskey and cigars,	80 50
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	5,705 81
New barge,	125 00
Outer channel visits,	300 00
Sanitary Committee,	274 02
Bills of mortality,	422 16
Removal of nuisances,	7,979 87
Printing, publishing, stationery and blanks,	1,283 01

Vaccine Purposes.

Salaries of Vaccine Physicians,	\$1,290 62
Salaries for collecting vaccine cases,	960 00
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	2,250 62

Expenses of 1855.

Removal of nuisances,	\$1,612 74
Supplies to City Hospital,	452 08
Supplies to Lazaretto,	24 00
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	2,088 82
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	\$39,680 94

DEPARTMENT OF POOR.

Bills of 1856.

Flour,	\$23,946	26
Groceries,	16,644	18
Beef and mutton,	18,486	13
Hams and shoulders,	1,571	41
Dry goods,	4,579	60
Crackers,	384	81
Codfish,	556	62
Supplies,	8,069	93
Soap,	544	82
Boots and shoes,	429	15
Tobacco,	547	50
Oatmeal,	515	80
Vinegar,	84	53
Salt,	69	60
Sundries,	961	08
Supplies, Medical Department,	3,626	36
Medicines, &c., Med. Dept.,	3,035	70
Wine and whiskey,	1,594	40
Brandy,	332	00
Porter,	855	00
Boarding patients, &c,	1,168	23
Cupping and leeching,	159	27
Plumbing,	247	91
Tin and brick work,	126	79
Stoves,	144	00
Iron tubes,	117	64
Conveying students,	60	00
Surgical and mathematical instruments,	207	75
Oil,	1,123	76
Printing and advertising,	1,539	84
Carriage hire,	930	00
Segars,	303	60
Incidentals,	6,451	10
Children's Asylum,	2,004	69
Expense of manufactory,	9,061	37
Expense of farm,	2,206	74

Amount carried forward, \$93,457 49

Amount brought forward,	\$93,457 49	
Expense of Blockley estate,	898 04	
Salaries and wages,	16,929 57	
Support cases,	6,419 31	
Out-door relief,	51,459 31	
Water closets,	2,075 00	
Repairs to heating apparatus,	3,230 00	
Fuel,	12,446 26	
	<hr/>	\$206,145 06
Esther Waters' legacy for fuel,	1,014 71	
George Emlen's legacy for fuel,	1,255 10	
	<hr/>	2,269 81
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		\$208,414 87

Bills of 1855.

Supplies to Alms-house,	\$2,726 20
Supplies to Medical Department,	232 58
Incidental expenses,	1,767 90
Manufactory,	35 34
Expenses of the farm,	26 12
Out-door relief,	1,117 55
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	\$5,905 69

INSPECTORS OF THE PRISON.

Salaries of officers,	\$13,977 42	
Flour,	11,503 00	
Groceries,	8,358 85	
Beef, mutton and bacon,	10,612 35	
Drugs and medicines,	1,620 97	
Leather,	6,109 19	
Lumber and brick work,	406 98	
Iron and hardware,	652 33	
Supplies,	3,442 27	
Potatoes,	1,237 59	
Ice,	477 90	
Omnibus tickets,	225 00	
Stoves,	46 50	
Oil,	1,291 33	
Printing and stationery,	713 02	
Water rent,	514 00	
Shoe findings,	175 46	
Segars,	988 34	
Sundries,	2,003 05	
Hay and straw,	221 96	
Fuel,	5,048 78	
Clothing and bedding,	2,184 31	
Repairs to buildings,	1,354 82	
Gas,	694 90	
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Debtors' Apartment.

Salary of Superintendent,	700 00	
Fuel,	189 99	
Board of prisoners,	598 13	
Repairs,	300 00	
Gas fixtures,	98 50	
Incidentals,	99 45	
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		\$75,846 39

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.

Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph.

Purdy, Phillips & Robinson.	\$20,075 00
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To pay Certain Expenses of 1854 and 1855.

Esther Newbold,	50 00	
Tappan, Carpenter & Co.,	1,800 00	
Pennsylvania State Lunatic Hospital,	1,707 01	
Expenses of Managers of the House of Correction :		
Pennsylvanian,	13 75	
N. A. and U. S. Gazette,	11 87	
Sloan & Steward,	150 00	
	<hr/>	3,732 63
George Kelly, judgment against city,		3,923 63
Digest of the laws of the city:		
Leonard Myers,	1,000 00	
William Duane,	1,000 00	
William B. Hood,	1,000 00	
James B. Smith,	637 50	
John H. Jones & Co.,	2,158 75	
	<hr/>	5,796 25
William Struthers, block of marble for Washington Monument,		3,000 00
George W. McMahon, amount overpaid on Water Duplicate of 1855,		150 57
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, certain judgment, interest and costs,		19,203 84
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, State taxes for 1856,		240,000 00
Overpaid taxes refunded in 1856,		564 24
Boudinet estate, taxes, counsel fees and expenses,		300 00
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		\$296,746 16

STATEMENT 14.

TRUST FUNDS.

Girard Estate—Real Estate

Permanent improvement to real estate,	\$1,985	08	
General repairs,	12,096	45	
Inside painting,	5,294	73	
Outside painting,	3,855	00	
Paper and hanging,	2,569	18	\$25,800 44
Taxes on real estate,	28,675	81	
Lands out of the county.	6,973	16	
Water rents,	1,500	00	
Salaries,	4,125	00	
Annuities,	1,100	00	
Miscellaneous,	2,936	60	
Lighting Delaware avenue with gas,	278	67	45,589 24

Damages for Opening Water Street.

George W. Norris,	1.825	00
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Paving Delaware Avenue.

H. Barker, granite blocks,	5,000	00	
S. K. Hoxie,	8,710	00	
Labor, gravel and wharfage,	4,264	40	17,974 40

Girard College Expenses.

Subsistence,	22,939	51	
Clothing,	14,776	64	
Salaries,	21,050	00	
Wages,	6,998	88	
Furniture,	1,865	56	
Fuel,	2,497	67	
Repairs,	4,383	60	
Books, stationery, printing and advertising,	2,181	64	
School and philosophical apparatus,	479	54	
Chemical laboratory,	245	75	
Incidentals,	1,280	68	
Gas,	1,220	83	
Improvement of grounds,	1,328	82	
Fitting up library and books,	1,493	07	
Rewards of merit,	294	86	83,037 05
New buildings,			4,493 83

Girard Bequest Fuel Fund.

Oak wood and coal,	281	08	
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			\$179,001 04

Wills Hospital—House Expenses.

Charles Oat, Steward,	\$1,657 66	
Groceries,	951 69	
Flour,	641 25	
Milk,	37 09	
Soap,	58 88	
Incidentals,	181 71	
Tin ware,	18 84	
Furnaces,	33 09	
Fuel,	229 50—	\$3,809 71

Salaries and Wages.

Charles Oat, Steward, salary,	300 00	
Nurses, cooks, &c., wages,	1,127 76—	1,427 76

Medical Department.

Medicines,	333 25	
Leeching,	58 00	
Surgical instruments,	20 72—	411 97

Repairs to Real Estate.

Carpentering,	34 44	
Bricklaying,	53 03	
Plumbing,	7 00	
Papering,	11 73	
Plastering,	1 75	
Sundry repairs,	34 77—	142 72
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Grover Trust.

Tax on real estate,	210 00	
Materials and repairs,	780 75	
Plumbing,	122 23	
Repairs to furnaces,	24 33	
Gas pipes,	60 47	
Cleaning cesspool,	38 50	
Incidentals,	31 99	
J. J. Krider, services as Treasurer,	4 17	
Stationery,	100 00—	1,372 44

Annuities.

Mary Grover,	1,200 00	
Priscilla Grover,	300 00	
Sophia Grover,	100 00	
Catharine Grover,	100 00—	1,700 00
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John Angue's Investment.

City loan,	93 00
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John Scott's Legacy of \$4,000.

City loan,	651 00	
Advertising,	42 00	
Charles Oat, salary,	37 50	
Stationery,	59 50—	790 00

John Scott's Legacy of \$3,000.

Charles Oat, salary,		75 00
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Benjamin Franklin's Bequest.

City loan,	465 00	
Charles Oat, salary,	37 50	
Stationery,	87 56—	590 06

Fuel Fund of Philadelphia City

Coal and oak wood,	471 89	
Stationery,	15 50—	487 39

Fuel Fund, by Act of Assembly.

J. W. Bullock, coal,	102 49	
J. Galbraith, oak wood,	119 00	
William M. Heyl, coal,	2 13—	232 62

Girard's Bequest to Public Schools—Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Wards.

J. J. Franklin, Treasurer Fifth Ward,	100 00	
I. H. O'Hara, Treasurer Sixth Ward,	100 00	
R. W. Beatty, Treasurer Seventh Ward,	100 00	
Edward Shippin, Treasurer Eighth Ward,	100 00	
James Sulgar, Treasurer Ninth Ward,	100 00	
Joseph Cooper, Treasurer Tenth Ward,	100 00—	600 00

Samuel Scottin's Bequest.

E. Hartman, bread delivered,	6 00	
E. D. Cassa lay, bread delivered,	6 00—	12 00

Paul Beck's Legacy.

William Biddle, Treasurer Western Soup Society,	250 00	
J. Hacker, Treasurer Society for Supplying the Poor with Soup,	250 00—	500 00

Esther Waters' Trust.

Wood and coal (Guardians of the Poor,)		1,014 71
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George Emlen's Trust.

Wood and coal (Guardians of the Poor,)		1,255 10
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STATEMENT 15.

Showing the Outstanding Warrants of 1855, the amount paid in 1856, and the amount remaining unpaid.

Amount as per annual Statement of City Controller, January 17, 1856,	\$1,536,599 68
Amount omitted in said Statement, Department of City Commissioners, *	4,000 00
Difference between amount received by City Treasurer and amount paid on account of temporary Loan, †	753 35

Total Outstanding Warrants, January 1, 1856,

\$1,541,353 03

DEPARTMENTS, &c.	WARRANTS OUT- STANDING JAN. 1, 1856.	WARRANTS PAID 1856.	BALANCE OUT- STANDING JAN. 1, 1857.
Department of Police,	\$265,480 83	\$196,889 18	\$68,591 65
“ Highways,	324,059 33	271,077 51	53,581 82
“ City Commissioners,*	73,788 20	76,180 42	1,607 78
“ City Property,	23,826 66	19,206 49	4,620 17
“ Supplying Water,	147,317 15	140,174 91	7,142 24
“ Market Houses,	5,425 92	4,004 77	1,421 15
“ Wharves and Land- ings,	2,951 27	2,902 19	49 08
“ Law,	6,723 18	6,719 88	3 30
“ Surveys,	10,330 49	8,306 66	2,023 83
“ Fire,	23,806 10	19,853 68	3,952 42
“ City Controller,	530 90	280 90	250 00
“ City Treasurer,	1,649 24	1,645 12	4 12
“ Receiver of Taxes,	6,298 67	5,869 07	429 60
“ Clerks of Councils,	6,839 96	6,223 77	616 19
“ Lighting the City,	153,903 22	147,041 38	6,861 84
Controllers of Public Schools,	252,373 25	206,907 20	45,466 05
Board of Health,	11,733 26	9,836 13	1,897 13
Guardians of the Poor,	121,299 53	104,155 24	17,144 29
Inspectors of the Prison,	40,161 67	35,231 41	4,930 26
Trustees of City Ice Boat,	4,343 84	3,997 46	346 38
Vaccine Physicians,	362 50	287 50	75 00
Rochester Delegation,	981 37	381 37	600 00
Old Corporations,	260 60	171 08	89 52
Fitting up State House,	70 30		70 30
Certain purposes therein mentioned,	15,372 72	15,174 31	198 41
Special purposes of Police, &c.,	356 90	108 25	248 65
Managers of House of Refuge,	22,954 00	22,954 00	
A Home for Friendless Children,	2,000 00	2,000 00	
Rosine Association,	1,500 00	1,500 00	
Temporary Loan, †	9,246 65	10,000 00	
Overpaid Taxes,	51 97	51 97	
TOTAL,	\$1,536,599 68	\$1,319,131 85	\$ 222,221 18
Amount paid in 1856,			1,319,131 85

Total outstanding, as above,

\$1,541,353 03

* \$4,000 00 to be added to this account.

† 753 35 to be added to this account.

Outstanding Warrants of 1856.

Department of Highways, Bridges, &c.,	\$90,019 23
City Commissioners,	30,215 87
City Controller,	186 65
City Property,	11,000 29
Receiver of Taxes,	1,869 60
Market Houses,	1,483 88
Wharves and Landings,	1,221 75
Surveyors and Regulators,	7,392 56
Supplying Water,	29,695 14
Clerks of Councils,	5,684 45
Police Department,	55,845 53
Law Department,	2,315 08
Fire Department,	8,948 99
Trustees of the Ice Boat,	18,629 98
Inspectors of the County Prison,	14,890 60
Controllers of the Public Schools,	169,728 80
Guardians of the Poor,	28,469 43
Board of Health,	8,732 43
Lighting the city,	27,458 49
To refund overpaid taxes,	6
Certain expenses of 1854 and 1855,	13 75
Unclaimed interest,	62,688 19
Certain evidences of city indebtedness,	5,376 10
Outstanding warrants, countersigned, on all appropriations,	581,913 47
Outstanding warrants of 1855,	222,221 18
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	\$804,134 65

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, *City of Philadelphia*, ss:

On the 17th day of January, A. D. 1857, personally appeared before me, the subscriber, an Alderman in and for the City of Philadelphia, Stephen Taylor, who, being duly sworn, doth depose and say, that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the foregoing statement of the finances of the said city is just and true, having been carefully compared with the vouchers on file in the Controller's Department.

S. TAYLOR, *City Controller*.

Sworn and subscribed before me. Witness my hand and seal the date above mentioned.

E. JARED MEGONEGAL, *Alderman*. [SEAL.]

APPENDIX NO. 127.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN—The Committee on Finance respectfully report the following Ordinance “To provide for the payment of State taxes, received by the City Treasurer, on property in the City of Philadelphia, for account of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,” and ask its immediate passage.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
THOMAS CRAVEN,
ABRAHAM BAKER,
HENRY J. BOLLER.

Jan. 22, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To provide for the payment of State Taxes, received by the City Treasurer, on property in the City of Philadelphia, for account of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

SEC. 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of one hundred and ninety thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, for the payment of so much of the State Taxes on property in the City of Philadelphia, as may have been collected and paid into the City Treasury, before the twenty-fifth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

SEC. 2. That Warrants for the payment of the said taxes, collected and paid into the Treasury as aforesaid, shall be drawn by the City Treasurer on the twenty-fifth day of January, 1857, in the manner and form, and with the requisites set forth in existing ordinances relating to the drawing of Warrants for the payment of money from the City Treasury.

APPENDIX No. 128.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN—The Committee on Finance report for the action of Councils three ordinances, to make appropriations to the following departments, viz: "Department of City Property," "Department of City Treasury," and "Board of Guardians of the Poor," and ask their passage.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
THOMAS CRAVEN,
ABRAHAM BAKER,
HENRY J. BOLLER.

Jan, 22, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an Appropriation to the Department of City Property, for the expenses thereof, for the year 1857.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of fifty-four thousand two hundred and twenty dollars and twenty-five cents (\$54,220 25), be and the same is hereby appropriated to the Department of City Property, for the year 1857, as follows:—

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| 1. For the salaries of the Commissioner of City Property and Messenger, two thousand dollars, | \$2,000 00 |
| 2. For stationery and office expenses, three hundred dollars, | 300 00 |
| 3. For salary of the Collector of Revenue and the Watchman at the Tobacco Warehouse, eleven hundred and sixty dollars, | 1,160 00 |
| 4. For labor at the Tobacco Warehouse, one hundred dollars, | 100 00 |

5. For salaries of the Superintendent and Janitor of Independence Hall, and the Superintendents of Spring Garden, Germantown and Moyamensing Halls, and the City Law Building, thirty-two hundred dollars,	3,200 00
6. For salaries of House-cleaners, and all other expenses to be incurred in keeping public halls clean, four hundred dollars,	400 00
7. For salaries of Watchman and Superintendent of State House and public offices, two thousand five hundred dollars,	2,500 00
8. For salaries of Watchmen at the Wire Bridge, one thousand dollars,	1,000 00
9. For salaries of Watchmen at the State House Steeple, fifteen hundred dollars,	1,500 00
10. For salaries of Superintendents of Franklin, Independence, Washington, Rittenhouse, Penn, Logan and Jefferson Squares, and City Burial Ground, four thousand seven hundred dollars,	4,700 00
11. For the improvement of Fairmount Park, two thousand five hundred dollars,	2,500 00
12. For the improvement of Norris Square, fifteen hundred dollars,	1,500 00
13. For the improvement of Hunting Park and the salary of the Superintendent, four thousand dollars,	4,000 00
14. For the salaries of the Keepers and Regulators of the Public Clocks, five hundred dollars,	500 00
15. For rent of office, City Law Building, and rooms northeast corner Fifth and Chestnut streets, six thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars,	6,750 00
16. For cleansing and repairing public clocks, two hundred dollars,	200 00

17. For State taxes, fifteen hundred dollars,	1,500 00
18. For repairs and improvements, three thousand dollars,	3,000 00
19. For ground rents and interest on mortgages, eleven thousand two hundred and thirty-five dollars and twenty-five cents,	11,235 25
20. For curbing and paving, six hundred dollars,	600 00
21. For insurance, seventy-five dollars,	75 00
22. For repairs, cleansing and supplies, other than books and stationery, to the court houses, offices and law buildings, <i>Provided</i> , That no expenditure shall be made for repairs or supplies to the law buildings without a requisition from the City Solicitor, or to the court houses or offices, without a requisition from the proper clerk or prothonotary, approved by the President Judge, one thousand dollars,	1,000 00
23. For fuel for law buildings, court rooms and offices, fifteen hundred dollars,	1,500 00
24. For labor and other expenses at public squares, fifteen hundred dollars,	1,500 00
25. For repairing and painting Wire Bridge, fifteen hundred dollars,	1,500 00
26. For providing suitable accommodations for clerks and committees of Councils, one thousand dollars,	1,000 00

Provided, however, That no contract shall be entered into, or expenditure made under the head of Item 18, for any amount exceeding fifty dollars, or under the heads of Items 11, 12, 13, 23, 25 and 26 for any amount whatever, unless the same shall hereafter be specifically authorized by Councils.

SECTION 2. Warrants for the foregoing appropriation shall be drawn in conformity with existing ordinances.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to the Department of the City Treasurer, for the year 1857.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of Ten Thousand Four Hundred Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, for the expense of the Department of the City Treasury, for the year 1857, as follows:—

For the salary of the City Treasurer, three thousand dollars,	\$3,000 00
For the salary of the Book-keeper, twelve hundred dollars,	1,200 00
For the salary of the Stock Clerk, eight hundred and fifty dollars,	850 00
For the salaries of two Miscellaneous Clerks, eight hundred and fifty dollars each,	1,700 00
For temporary Clerk hire, eight hundred and fifty dollars,	850 00
For salary of the Messenger, five hundred dollars,	500 00
For books, printing and stationery, sixteen hundred and fifty dollars,	1,650 00
For advertising, one hundred and fifty dollars,	150 00
For fuel, office and other expenses, five hundred dollars,	500 00

SECTION 2. That warrants for the payment of the said appropriations shall be drawn in conformity with existing ordinances.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an Appropriation to the Board of Guardians of the Poor, for the payment of the Expenses of that Department for the year 1857.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of Two Hundred and Thirty-three Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-two Dollars is hereby appropriated to the

Board of Guardians of the Poor, for the Expenses of the Department under their care, for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, as follows:

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| 1. For Flour and Corn Meal, twenty-five thousand five hundred dollars, | \$25,500 00 |
| 2. For Beef and Mutton, twenty thousand two hundred dollars, | 20,200 00 |
| 3. For Sugar, Molasses, Tea, Coffee and Provisions, thirty-one thousand dollars, | 31,000 00 |
| 4. For Linen, Woollen and Cotton Goods, Boots, Shoes, Hats and Combs, seven thousand dollars, | 7,000 00 |

For Medicine and Supplies for the Medical Department of the Almshouse, namely:

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| 5. For Provisions for the Sick and for the Nurse's Table, thirty-five hundred dollars, | 3,500 00 |
| 6. For Drugs and Medicines, four thousand dollars, | 4,000 00 |
| 7. For Groceries, Butter, Lard, Oat and Cake Meal, one thousand dollars, | 1,000 00 |
| 8. For Brandy for the use of the Sick, one hundred and twenty dollars, | 120 00 |
| 9. For Wine for the use of the Sick, one thousand dollars, | 1,000 00 |
| 10. For Whiskey for the use of the Sick, five hundred dollars, | 500 00 |
| 11. For Porter for the use of the Sick, seven hundred and fifty dollars, | 750 00 |
| 12. For Surgical Instruments and Repairs, three hundred dollars, | 300 00 |
| 13. For Leeching, one hundred and seventy-five dollars, | 175 00 |
| 14. For incidental expenses of Hospital and Lunatic Asylum, two hundred dollars, | 200 00 |
| 15. For Board of Assistant Physicians, sixteen hundred dollars, | 1,600 00 |

For the Expenses of the Children's Asylum, as follows:

16. For Supplies for the Matron's Table, five hundred dollars,	500 00
17. For Groceries and Provisions, one hundred dollars,	100 00
18. For Hats, Shoes, Linen, Woollen and Cotton Goods, for Boys' and Girls' Clothing, thirteen hundred dollars,	1,300 00
19. For Trimmings for Children's Clothing and Combs, sixty dollars,	60 00
20. For School Books, seventy-five dollars,	75 00
21. For incidental expenses, two hundred and fifty dollars,	250 00

For Expenses of Manufacturing Department, as follows:

22. For Leather, seven hundred dollars,	700 00
23. For Tallow and Caustic Alkali, eleven hundred dollars,	1,100 00
24. For Coal, Iron and Steel, two hundred twenty-five dollars,	225 00
25. For Tin, Glass, Paints, Varnish, Oil, Glue and Brushes, seven hundred dollars,	700 00
26. For Tools and Weaving Utensils, eighty dollars,	80 00
27. For Shoe Findings, one hundred and seventy-five dollars,	175 00
28. For Chain and Filling, three thousand dollars,	3,000 00
29. For Incidentals, two hundred dollars,	200 00

For General Expenses, as follows:

30. For Repairs to Stoves and Ranges, and other Heating and Cooking apparatus, two thousand dollars,	2,000 00
31. For Repairs, two thousand dollars,	2,000 00
32. For Plumbing, fifteen hundred dollars,	1,500 00
33. For Furniture, three hundred and fifty dollars,	350 00
34. For Hardware and Crockeryware, eight hundred dollars,	800 00
35. For Lumber, twenty-one hundred dollars,	2,100 00

36. For Straw, sixteen hundred dollars,	1,600 00
37. For Tobacco, one thousand dollars,	1,000 00
38. For Soap, Candles, Lime and Starch, five hundred dollars,	500 00
39. For Yarn, eight hundred dollars,	800 00
40. For Oil, five hundred dollars,	500 00
41. For the Introduction of Gas and pur- chase of Fixtures, six thousand five hundred dollars,	6,500 00
42. For Gas, one thousand dollars,	1,000 00
43. For Brushes and Brooms, six hundred dollars,	600 00
44. For Horse Feed, two thousand dollars,	2,000 00
45. For Cleaning Sinks and Chimneys, four hundred dollars,	400 00
46. For Portage, six hundred dollars,	600 00
47. For Repairing and Regulating Clock, one hundred dollars,	100 00
48. For Blacksmith Work, two hundred and fifty dollars,	250 00
49. For Thread, Cotton and Trimmings, two hundred dollars,	200 00
50. For Toll, Clotheslines and Incidentals, one thousand dollars,	1,000 00
51. For Swill, one hundred and seventy- five dollars,	175 00
52. For Seed, Farming Utensils and Re- pairs, two hundred and seventy dol- lars,	270 00
53. For Repairs to Engine Pumps and Ma- chinery, three hundred dollars,	300 00
54. For Repairs to Meadow Banks, one hundred dollars,	100 00
55. For Board of Assistant Farmer, one hundred and thirty dollars,	130 00
56. For Cost of taking up Hogs, by Board of Health, four hundred dollars,	400 00
57. For Taxes, five hundred dollars,	500 00
58. For Travelling Expenses of House Agent, one hundred dollars,	100 00
59. For Incidentals, one hundred dollars,	100 00

For Salaries, as follows:

60. For the payment of the salaries of the Steward, Clerk, House Agent, Store-keeper, Matron, Baker, Doorkeeper and Agent's Clerk, five thousand four hundred and twenty dollars,	5,420 00
61. For the salaries of the Chief Resident Physician, Apothecary and Assistant Apothecary, Leecher and Cupper, and Engineer, forty-four hundred dollars,	4,400 00
62. For salary of the Matron and Teacher, in the Children's Asylum, five hundred and fifty dollars,	550 00
63. For salary of the Superintendent of the Manufactory, Farmer and Gardener, seventeen hundred and thirty dollars,	1,730 00
64. For Salary of the Secretary of the Board, Out Door Agent, Wagon Driver and Messenger, twenty-three hundred and eighty dollars,	2,380 00
65. For the salaries of the Out Door Visitors, fifty-four hundred dollars,	5,400 00
66. For the Salaries of Out Door Apothecaries, nine hundred and sixty dollars,	960 00
67. For the salaries of the Physicians, fifteen hundred dollars,	1,500 00
68. For the salary of Moral Instructor, one hundred dollars,	100 00
69. For wages on Pay Roll, chargeable to expenses, nineteen hundred and twenty dollars,	1,920 00
70. For wages on Pay Roll, chargeable to Medical Department, forty-four hundred and forty dollars,	4,440 00
71. For wages on Pay Roll, chargeable to Children's Asylum, five hundred and twenty-five dollars,	525 00
72. For wages on Pay Roll, chargeable to Manufactory, two hundred and eighty dollars,	280 00

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| 73. For wages on Pay Roll, chargeable to farm, three hundred and twelve dollars, | 312, 00 |
| 74. For coal for Almshouse and hauling, twelve thousand five hundred dollars, | 12,500 00 |
| 75. For wood for Almshouse, twenty-three hundred dollars, | 2,300 00 |

For Support and Maintenance of Out-Door Poor, viz :

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| 76. For expenses on account of support and Bastardy cases, nine thousand five hundred dollars, | 9,500 00 |
| 77. For rent of Visitors' Offices, seven hundred and fifty dollars, | 750 00 |
| 78. For Cupping and Leeching, five hundred dollars, | 500 00 |
| 79. For burial of small-pox and other cases, three hundred dollars, | 300 00 |
| 80. For ground rent of City Office, one hundred and eighty dollars, | 180 00 |
| 81. For costs of suits in desertion and other cases, two hundred and fifty dollars, | 250 00 |
| 82. For board and attendance of patients at the City Hospital, two thousand dollars, | 2,000 00 |
| 83. For Water Closets in Men's Lunatic Asylum, eight hundred dollars, | 800 00 |
| 84. For Carriage Hire to and from the Almshouse, fifteen hundred and sixty dollars, | 1,560 00 |
| 85. For Stationery, Printing and Advertising, one thousand dollars, | 1,000 00 |

For the Relief of the Out-Door Poor of the City, as follows :

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| 86. To be applied in such manner as the Guardians of the Poor may, from time to time direct, provided that not more than three-fourths of the amount thereof shall be expended before the first day of July, 1857, forty thousand dollars, | 40,000 00 |
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SECT. 2. That Warrants for said Appropriations shall be drawn in conformity with existing ordinances.

APPENDIX No. 129.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN—The Finance, Committee to whom was referred an Ordinance from Select Council “To make an appropriation to the Department of Market Houses for the expenses thereof, and for the care and management of the Wharves and Landings belonging to the City, for the year 1857,” respectfully report the same as Committee, and recommend concurrence.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
ABRAHAM BAKER,
THOMAS CRAVEN,
HENRY J. BOLLER.

Jan. 22, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 130.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN—The Finance Committee to whom was referred the following Preamble and Resolution:

“Whereas, Peter Ambruster, Esq., Receiver of Taxes, of the City of Philadelphia, hath published in a newspaper called the Daily Pennsylvanian, under date of the 5th January, 1857, the names of persons represented as in arrears for taxes for the year 1856, and whereas, in said printed list appears the name of John R. Barton, as being in arrears for taxes, on a portion of his property in the Sixth Ward, which he avers is not founded on facts,

Therefore—Resolved, that the Finance Committee of this Chamber be instructed to inquire into all the

facts connected with this transaction, and report the same to this Chamber at their next meeting."

Report, that they have examined the books of the Sixth Ward, in the Receiver's Office, and find that on the 14th April, 1856, Dr. J. Rhea Barton paid to the Clerk, at the desk of said Ward, three thousand three hundred and thirty dollars, 64-100, which sum, together with the discount allowed for prompt payment, paid his entire tax in that Ward; consequently, was not in arrears for taxes as represented in the newspaper referred to. Your Committee feel that they cannot do less than condemn such carelessness on the part of the clerk having the matter in charge, and they deem this a proper occasion to call the attention of the Receiver of Taxes to this matter, and urge upon him to use the utmost care for the future, in publishing the names of persons in arrears for taxes.

Resolved—That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
THOS. CRAVEN,
ABRAHAM BAKER,
HENRY J. BOLLER.

January 22, 1857.

APPENDIX NO. 131.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN—The Finance Committee to whom was referred, "A Resolution to inquire into and report the facts in the case of an over-payment to James M. Leddy, in his salary, as one of the City Commissioners," respectfully report, that in answer to a note addressed to S.

Taylor, City Controller, your Committee received the following reply, which it is believed covers the whole ground, viz:—

“PHILADELPHIA, *January 17th*, 1857.

“SIR:—In compliance with the request in your note of this date, covering a resolution of the Common Council, calling upon me for the facts in reference to the payment of the salary of James M. Leddy, City Commissioner, for the months of November and December, 1856, I beg leave to state as follows, to wit:

Mr. Leddy having been elected City Commissioner in May last, was entitled to such compensation as was then provided by law. On the death of Joseph L. Smith, one of the City Commissioners, and before Mr. Leddy assumed the duties of his office under the election of May, he was elected by Councils to supply the vacancy in the Board, and, in my judgment was clearly entitled to the compensation that would have accrued to Joseph L. Smith, had he lived; and, in accordance with established custom, such compensation run for the entire month in which the services were commenced. Hence Mr. Leddy was entitled to receive his salary for the month of October, at the rate of \$1,750 per annum.

“I am free to admit that, having my mind directed particularly to the Ordinance of August 15th, 1856, as not being applicable to the case of Mr. Leddy, I lost sight of, or overlooked that of November 19, 1855, by which the salary of each subsequently elected City Commissioner was reduced to \$1,250 per annum. It is due to myself however, to state that the error was discovered immediately before the subject was introduced before the Common Council. And it is also due to Mr. Leddy to state that as soon as it was so introduced, he called at this department and expressed his readiness to refund the excess as soon as Councils, or any other competent authority, should decide that he had overdrawn the amount properly due him. I may here add that this was the *only* conversation on or allusion to the subject of his salary, between that gentleman and myself.

"The amount overdrawn by him for the months of November and December, is \$83 33 $\frac{1}{3}$; and, as his salary is \$104 41 $\frac{2}{3}$ per month, it follows that the overdraft will be more than covered by the amount due him for the present month.

"Very respectfully, your obedient servant,
"S. TAYLOR, *City Controller*."

Your Committee offer the following resolution, and ask its adoption.

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*.

ABRAHAM BAKER,

HENRY J. BOLLER,

Jan. 22, 1857.

THOS. CRAVEN.

APPENDIX No. 132.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN—The Finance Committee to whom was referred a resolution from Select Council, "To release from the Lien of a Mortgage certain Property in Manayunk," respectfully report the same as committed, and ask its adoption.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,

THOMAS CRAVEN,

HENRY J. BOLLER,

Jan. 22, 1857.

ABRAHAM BAKER.

APPENDIX No. 133.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOLS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN—Your Committee on Schools, to which was referred “An Estimate of the Expenses of the Public Schools in the First School District of Pennsylvania, for the year 1857,” submitted by the Board of Controllers of Public Schools, respectfully

REPORT,

That the same has been fully examined, and wherever it was deemed prudent, the amount asked for a particular item has been reduced. The nature and extent of these reductions will appear by comparing the statement of the Board of Controllers, and the ordinance which is submitted herewith.

The members of the Committee, deeply impressed with the importance of the Public School system, and the necessity of greater harmony between the co-ordinate branches of the system, in order that it might be more speedily perfected in all its parts, have thought it best to depart in some measure from the practice of this committee on former occasions. They have visited the schools—consulted with the directors—interchanged opinions with the Controllers—encouraged the devoted and much-neglected teachers—and greeted, on behalf of the City, some forty thousand of the fifty-five thousand children now taught in her schools. They were thus enabled to witness the practical workings of that Institution for the support of which the State and City have already done so much; for the improvement and enlargement of which many of our best and wisest citizens are willing to do yet a thousand fold more.

The locality and condition of the large amount of property which the City owns, and which she has devoted to school purposes—the urgency of the repairs required to be made in the different sections—the necessity for the new houses so earnestly prayed for by many of the wards—and the general condition of the department, were made the special objects of their inquiries.

The location of the houses near the Delaware front will soon have to be changed; only such repairs as cannot be avoided, therefore, have been recommended to be made in these localities. But with regard to the repairs of those houses which are permanently located, the representations of the directors were found to be correct in the main. In one or two instances, however, they were constrained to curtail the proposed expenditures, and to recommend greater economy. In many houses there was found but one flight of stairs. The directors very wisely urged the necessity of constructing additional stairs, otherwise in case of fire, or even a false alarm, serious consequences must follow. The appropriation for these have been included in the ordinance. The arrangements for heating many of the establishments were found very faulty. Not only was the heat insufficient in quantity, but bad in quality. Frequently the schools have to be dismissed for want of warmth; and at all times, in some of the schools, teachers and scholars are troubled with coughs and head-aches, occasioned by the poisoned atmosphere of the rooms. This is caused by the air passing over a red-hot surface, and, instead of being simply heated, it is decomposed. Its oxygen is consumed, and carbonic-acid gas is evolved and combines with the nitrogen, and forms a large proportion of the air breathed by the occupants of the building, in which these worse than useless heaters are constructed. There were found in two houses, however, heaters eminently calculated to produce the proper kind of heat for schools. They were constructed by Messrs. Morris, Tasker & Morris, and are located in the Hancock and Pollock School Houses. The air in the rooms is as fresh as the external air in summer. Your Committee would earnestly recommend the gradual introduction of this kind of heaters into all the school houses of the city. The first cost is large, but in the end, it would prove an economical expenditure.

The Committee has been forced to the conclusion that this department has not received that consideration from Councils to which it is entitled by the mag-

nitude of its benefits. Three years have been allowed to pass by without a single new school house having been constructed. And this notwithstanding the rapid growth of our population, and the cheerfulness with which the school tax is paid by most of our citizens. So many thousands of children are clamoring for admission into our schools, and the room is so circumscribed, that temporary arrangements have had to be made, and, certainly of very questionable economy as regards the health of the pupils, and of questionable propriety as regards the safety of life and limb. A small two-story house in Juniper street, above Race, is made to accommodate (?) some 125 children. A room in Race street, near Broad, say 25 by 30 feet, is made to hold about 150 boys and girls. There are no yard accommodations here at all, and the fetid air was insufferable to those not accustomed to it. In Filbert street, over 250 pupils are cooped up in the second and third-story rooms of a building, the lower rooms of which are occupied by carpenters, coach makers, coopers, and a camphene establishment. In case of fire, (and why should there not be fire there, periodically, with such a combination of combustibles,) the accidents would certainly be frightful. But these instances need not be multiplied. Suffice it to say, that enormous rents are now paid, and continually recurring repairs are made, which might all be saved if proper buildings were at once constructed where they are so much needed. If, therefore, it is thought by Councils to be inexpedient, at this time, to appropriate the \$150,000 asked for the building of new school houses, your Committee recommend the adoption of some fixed plan for future operation in this matter. The members propose a new section to the ordinance, appropriating the money obtained from the State, for school purposes (which this year will be about \$30,000,) to the special object of constructing new school houses, and they respectfully ask the concurrence of the Chamber.

In conclusion, your Committee would heartily commend the Public School Department to the fostering

care of Councils. Like all other human systems it has its imperfections, but even in its yet imperfect and comparatively youthful state, it is a system of which Philadelphians may well be proud. It is exercising, through its corps of devoted and intelligent teachers, a controlling influence in our midst which few of us duly estimate, which none of us fully comprehend. Enlarge its borders, multiply its means of dispensing knowledge,—let all the children of the City be educated, and how immeasurably will you exceed in prudence and a wise economy, those who restrict knowledge to the few and thereby reduce the many to the lowest degradation, and make them fit instruments for the accomplishment of evil.

The Committee were highly gratified with the uniform courtesy extended to the members by the Controllers, Directors and Teachers; and hope that henceforth a greater unanimity will exist between all the members of the different bodies having co-ordinate powers, and the same responsibilities, in the management of this important department.

JOSHUA T. OWEN, <i>Chairman</i> ,	HENRY T. KING,
M. C. BROWN,	EDWIN BOOTH,
JOHN M. MELLOX,	JOHN ALEXANDER.
JESSE T. VOGDES,	

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to the Board of Controllers of the Public Schools of the First School District of Pennsylvania, for the purpose of defraying the cost of maintaining and managing the Schools in the said District, for the year 1857.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of Four Hundred and Eighty-four Thousand, Six Hundred and Fifty Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to the Board of Controllers of Public Schools of the First School District of Pennsylvania, for the purpose of defraying the cost of maintaining and managing the Public Schools in said District, for the year 1857, for the following purposes, that is to say:

For the Expenses of the High School.

For salaries of Teachers, sixteen thousand, eight hundred and eighty dollars,	\$16,880 00
For salary of House Cleaner, five hundred and fifty dollars,	550 00
For Ground Rent, one hundred and fifty dollars,	150 00
For Water Rent and Gas, one hundred dol- lars,	100 00
For Repairs, two hundred dollars,	200 00
For Furnaces and Stoves, fifty dollars,	50 00
For Furniture, one hundred dollars,	100 00
For Printing and petty expenses, one hun- dred dollars,	100 00
For rent of room for Commencement, fifty dollars,	50 00

*For the Expenses of the Normal
School, as follows :*

For salaries, fifty-seven hundred dollars,	5,700 00
House-cleaner's salary, three hundred and eighty-five dollars,	385 00
Library, three hundred dollars,	300 00
Repairs and additions, one hundred dollars,	100 00
Furnaces and stoves, one hundred dol- lars,	100 00
Furniture, one hundred dollars,	100 00
Printing and incidental expenses, one hundred dollars,	100 00

*For the Expenses of the Schools of the
First Section, as follows :*

Salaries, fifteen thousand, seven hun- dred and three dollars,	15,703 00
House-cleaners' salary, twenty-three hundred dollars,	2,300 00
Rents, five hundred and ninety-five dollars,	595 00
Repairs and additions, one thousand dollars,	1,000 00
Furnaces and stoves, three hundred dollars,	300 00

For Furniture, two hundred and fifty dolls.	250 00
Night Schools, eight hundred dollars,	800 00
Incidentals and printing, one hundred dollars,	100 00
Clerk hire, fifty dollars,	50 00

*For Expenses of the Schools of the Second
Section, as follows :*

Salaries, seven thousand, three hundred and twenty dollars.	7,320 00
House-cleaners' salary, ten hundred and sixty dollars,	1,060 00
Rents, five hundred and thirty-seven dollars,	537 00
Repairs and additions, seven hundred dollars,	700 00
Furnaces and stoves, two hundred and fifty dollars,	250 00
Furniture, two hundred dollars,	200 00
Night School, six hundred dollars,	600 00
Printing and incidentals, one hundred dollars,	100 00
Clerk hire, fifty dollars,	50 00

*For Expenses of the Schools of the Third
Section, as follows :*

Salaries, fourteen thousand, five hundred and thirty dollars,	14,530 00
House-cleaners' salary, fifteen hundred and eighteen dollars,	1,518 00
Rents, fourteen hundred and sixty dollars,	1,460 00
Repairs and additions, five hundred dollars,	500 00
Furnaces and stoves, five hundred dollars,	500 00
Furniture, two hundred dollars,	200 00
Night Schools, eight hundred dollars,	800 00
Printing and incidentals, one hundred dollars,	100 00
Clerk hire, fifty dollars,	50 00

*For Expenses of the Schools of the Fourth
Section, as follows :*

For Salaries, nine thousand, two hundred dollars,	9,200 00
House-cleaners' salary, nine hundred dollars,	900 00
Rents, twelve hundred and thirty dolls.	1,230 00
Repairs and additions, three hundred dollars,	300 00
Furnaces and stoves, two hundred dollars,	200 00
Furniture, two hundred dollars,	200 00
Night Schools, eight hundred dollars,	800 00
Printing and incidentals, one hundred dollars,	100 00
Clerk hire, fifty dollars,	50 00

*For Expenses of the Schools of the Fifth
Section, as follows :*

Salaries, eleven thousand, five hundred and eighty dollars,	11,580 00
House-cleaners' salary, eleven hundred dollars,	1,100 00
Rents, nine hundred and forty dollars,	940 00
Repairs and additions, three hundred and fifty dollars,	350 00
Furnaces and stoves, two hundred dollars,	200 00
Furniture, one hundred and seventy dollars,	170 00
Printing and incidentals, one hundred dollars,	100 00
Clerk hire, fifty dollars,	50 00

*For Expenses of the Schools of the Sixth
Section, as follows :*

Salaries, eight thousand, two hundred and ninety-five dollars,	8,295 00
House-cleaners' salary, nine hundred and twenty-five dollars,	925 00
Rents, one thousand dollars,	1,000 00
Repairs and additions, five hundred dollars,	500 00

For Furnaces and stoves, two hundred and fifty dollars,	250 00
Furniture, three hundred dollars,	300 00
Night Schools, five hundred dollars,	500 00
Printing and incidentals, one hundred dollars,	100 00
Clerk hire, fifty dollars,	50 00

*For Expenses of the Schools of the Seventh
Section, as follows :*

Salaries, eleven thousand, six hundred and forty dollars,	11,640 00
House-cleaners' salary, eleven hundred and sixty-five dollars,	1,165 00
Rents, two hundred dollars,	200 00
Repairs and additions, five hundred dollars,	500 00
Furnaces and stoves, one hundred and fifty dollars,	150 00
Furniture, one hundred dollars,	100 00
Night Schools, five hundred dollars,	500 00
Printing and incidentals, one hundred dollars,	100 00
Clerk hire, fifty dollars,	50 00

*For Expenses of the Schools of the Eighth
Section, as follows :*

Salaries, six thousand, five hundred dollars,	6,500 00
House-cleaners' salary, seven hundred and seventy-eight dollars,	778 00
Rents, fifteen hundred dollars,	1,500 00
Repairs and additions, two thousand, one hundred dollars,	2,100 00
Furnaces and stoves, two hundred dollars,	200 00
Furniture, three hundred and eighty dollars,	380 00
Night Schools, eight hundred dollars,	800 00
Printing and incidentals, one hundred dollars,	100 00
Clerk hire, fifty dollars,	50 00

*For Expenses of the Schools of the Ninth
Section, as follows :*

For Salaries, nine thousand, eight hundred and twenty dollars,	9,820 00
House-cleaners' salary, one thousand and thirty dollars,	1,030 00
Rents, eighteen hundred and sixty-four dollars,	1,864 00
Repairs and additions, five hundred dollars,	500 00
Furnaces and stoves, three hundred dollars,	300 00
Furniture, four hundred dollars,	400 00
Night Schools, four hundred dollars,	400 00
Printing and incidentals, one hundred dollars,	100 00
Clerk hire, fifty dollars,	50 00

*For Expenses of the Schools of the Tenth
Section, as follows :*

Salaries, twelve thousand, nine hun- dred and sixty dollars,	12,960 00
House-cleaners' salary, one thousand, two hundred and eighty dollars,	1,280 00
Rents, eleven hundred dollars,	1,100 00
Repairs and additions, one thousand, five hundred dollars,	1,500 00
Furnaces and stoves, two hundred dol- lars,	200 00
Furniture, five hundred dollars,	500 00
Night Schools, eight hundred dollars,	800 00
Printing and incidentals, one hundred dollars,	100 00
Clerk hire, fifty dollars,	50 00

*For Expenses of the Schools of the Eleventh
Section, as follows :*

Salaries, eleven thousand, five hun- dred and sixty dollars,	11,560 00
House-cleaners' salary, eleven hundred and seventy-nine dollars,	1,179 00
Rents, nine hundred and seventy-five dollars,	975 00

For Repairs and additions, two thousand dollars,	2,000 00
Furnaces and stoves, three hundred dollars,	300 00
Furniture, two hundred dollars,	200 00
Night Schools, six hundred and fifty dollars,	650 00
Printing and incidentals, one hundred dollars,	100 00
Clerk hire, fifty dollars,	50 00

*For Expenses of the Schools of the Twelfth
Section, as follows :*

Salaries, eight thousand, two hundred and one dollars,	8,201 00
House-cleaners' salary, nine hundred and thirty-seven dollars,	937 00
Rents, one thousand, seven hundred and fifty dollars,	1,750 00
Repairs and additions, four hundred dollars,	400 00
Furnaces and stoves, one hundred and ninety-four dollars,	194 00
Furniture, five hundred dollars,	500 00
Night Schools, eight hundred dollars,	800 00
Printing and incidentals, one hundred dollars,	100 00
Clerk hire, fifty dollars,	50 00

*For Expenses of the Schools of the Thirteenth
Section, as follows :*

Salaries, nine thousand, five hundred and ten dollars,	9,510 00
House-cleaners' salary, eight hundred and twenty-five dollars,	825 00
Rents, five hundred dollars,	500 00
Repairs and additions, four hundred and fifty dollars,	450 00
Furnaces and stoves, two hundred dollars,	200 00
Furniture, three hundred dollars,	300 00
Night Schools, five hundred dollars,	500 00

For Printing and incidentals, one hundred dollars,	100 00
Clerk hire, fifty dollars,	50 00

For Expenses of the Schools of the Fourteenth Section as follows :

For Salaries, sixteen thousand, six hundred and ninety dollars,	16,690 00
House-cleaners' salary, thirteen hundred dollars,	1,300 00
Rents, one thousand dollars,	1,000 00
Repairs and additions, five hundred dollars,	500 00
Furnaces and stoves, six hundred dollars,	600 00
Furniture, three hundred dollars,	300 00
Night Schools, eight hundred dollars,	800 00
Printing and incidentals, one hundred dollars,	100 00
Clerk hire, fifty dollars,	50 00

For the Expenses of the Schools of the Fifteenth Section, as follows :

For salaries, thirteen thousand six hundred and fifty dollars,	13,650 00
House-cleaners' salary, one thousand and ninety dollars,	1,090 00
Rents, eleven hundred dollars,	1,100 00
Repairs and additions, six hundred dollars,	600 00
Furnaces and stoves, three hundred dollars,	300 00
Furniture, three hundred dollars,	300 00
Night Schools, one thousand dollars,	1,000 00
Printing and incidentals, one hundred dollars,	100 00
Clerk hire, fifty dollars,	50 00

For the Expenses of the Schools of the Sixteenth Section, as follows :

For salaries, eleven thousand two hundred and sixty dollars,	11,260 00
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For House-cleaners' salary, nine hundred and sixteen dollars,	916 00
Rents, seven hundred and fifty dollars,	750 00
Repairs and additions, four hundred dollars,	400 00
Furnaces and stoves, two hundred dollars,	200 00
Furniture, one hundred and fifty dollars,	150 00
Night schools, eight hundred dollars,	800 00
Printing and incidentals, one hundred dollars,	100 00
Clerk hire, fifty dollars,	50 00

*For the Expenses of the Schools of the Seventeenth Section,
as follows:*

For salaries, eleven thousand dollars,	11,000 00
House-cleaners' salary, one thousand two hundred and twenty-three dollars,	1,223 00
Rents, four hundred and eighty-seven dollars,	487 00
Repairs and additions, three hundred dollars,	300 00
Furnaces and stoves, two hundred and fifty dollars,	250 00
Furniture, three hundred dollars,	300 00
Night schools, one thousand three hundred and seventeen dollars,	1,317 00
Printing and incidentals, one hundred dollars,	100 00
Clerk hire, fifty dollars,	50 00

*For the Expenses of the Schools of the Eighteenth Section,
as follows:*

For salaries, fifteen thousand three hundred and sixty dollars,	15,360 00
House-cleaners' salary, one thousand five hundred and twenty-five dollars,	1,525 00
Rents, nine hundred and seventy dollars,	970 00

For Repairs and additions, five hundred dollars,	500 00
Furnaces and stoves, two hundred and fifty dollars,	250 00
Furniture, two hundred and fifty dollars,	250 00
Night schools, one thousand dollars,	1,000 00
Printing and incidentals, one hundred dollars,	100 00
Clerk hire, fifty dollars,	50 00

*For the Expenses of the Schools of the Nineteenth Section,
as follows :*

For salaries, nine thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars,	9,750 00
House-cleaners' salary, twelve hundred and seventy-six dollars,	1,276 00
Rents, one thousand five hundred and fifteen dollars,	1,515 00
Repairs and additions, three hundred dollars,	300 00
Furnaces and stoves, two hundred and fifty dollars,	250 00
Furniture, five hundred dollars,	500 00
Night schools, twelve hundred and fifty dollars,	1,250 00
Printing and incidentals, one hundred dollars,	100 00
Clerk hire, fifty dollars,	50 00

*For the Expenses of the Schools of the Twentieth Section,
as follows :*

For salaries, ten thousand three hundred and ninety dollars,	10,390 00
House-cleaners' salary, one thousand one hundred and twenty-five dollars,	1,125 00
Rents, eleven hundred dollars,	1,100 00
Repairs and additions, five hundred dollars,	500 00
Furnaces and stoves, five hundred dollars,	500 00
Furniture, five hundred dollars,	500 00

For Night schools, one thousand dollars,	1,000 00
Printing and incidentals, one hundred dollars,	100 00
Clerk hire, fifty dollars,	50 00

For the Expenses of the Schools of the Twenty-First Section, as follows:

For salaries, ten thousand six hundred and fifty dollars,	10,650 00
House-cleaners' salary, twelve hundred and fourteen dollars,	1,214 00
Rents, four hundred and twenty dollars,	420 00
Repairs and additions, eight hundred dollars,	800 00
Furnaces and stoves, three hundred dollars,	300 00
Furniture, five hundred dollars,	500 00
Night schools, one thousand two hundred dollars,	1,200 00
Printing and incidentals, one hundred dollars,	100 00
Clerk hire, fifty dollars,	50 00

For the Expenses of the Schools of the Twenty-Second Section, as follows:

For salaries, eight thousand five hundred and twenty dollars,	8,520 00
House-cleaners' salary, eight hundred and twenty dollars,	820 00
Rents, six hundred dollars,	600 00
Repairs and additions, five hundred dollars,	500 00
Furnaces and stoves, two hundred dollars,	200 00
Furniture, two hundred and fifty dollars,	250 00
Night schools, six hundred and fifty dollars,	650 00
Printing and incidentals, one hundred dollars,	100 00
Clerk hire, fifty dollars,	50 00

*For the Expenses of the Schools of the Twenty-Third
Section, as follows:*

For salaries, eighteen thousand four hundred and twenty dollars,	18,420 00
House-cleaners' salary, thirteen hundred and fifty-three dollars,	1,353 00
Rents, six hundred and seventy-six dollars,	676 00
Repairs and additions, eight hundred dollars,	800 00
Furnaces and stoves, two hundred and seventy-five dollars,	275 00
Furniture, two hundred dollars,	200 00
Night Schools, eight hundred dollars,	800 00
Printing and incidentals, one hundred dollars,	100 00
Clerk hire, fifty dollars,	50 00

*For the Expenses of the Schools of the Twenty-Fourth
Section, as follows:*

For salaries, eleven thousand four hundred and eighty dollars,	11,480 00
House-cleaners' salary, eleven hundred and eighty dollars,	1,180 00
Rents, four hundred and forty dollars,	440 00
Repairs and additions, five hundred dollars,	500 00
Furnaces and stoves, two hundred and twenty-five dollars,	225 00
Furniture, two hundred dollars,	200 00
Night schools, eight hundred dollars,	800 00
Printing and incidentals, one hundred dollars,	100 00
Clerk hire, fifty dollars,	50 00
The employment of additional teachers, if found necessary during the year, three thousand dollars,	3,000 00
The rent of additional buildings for school purposes, two thousand dollars,	2,000 00
Fuel, eighteen thousand dollars,	18,000 00

For Ground rents, nine thousand dollars,	9,000 00
Water rents, twelve hundred dollars,	1,200 00
Books and stationery, thirty thousand dollars,	30,000 00
Salary of Secretary, fifteen hundred dollars,	1,500 00
Salary of Assistant Secretary, six hundred dollars,	600 00
Salary of Messenger, four hundred and eighty dollars,	480 00
Rent of office, one thousand dollars,	1,000 00
Printing, fifteen hundred dollars,	1,500 00
Advertising, five hundred dollars,	500 00
The payment of a claim of Morris, Tasker & Morris, for hot water fumes erected in Hancock and Pollock school-houses, in eighteen hundred and fifty-five, four thousand two hundred and seventy-seven dollars,	4,277 00

SECTION 2. That warrants for the said appropriation shall be drawn in conformity with existing ordinances.

APPENDIX No. 134.

ANNUAL REPORT ON WHARVES AND LANDINGS.

OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT OF MARKET HOUSES, }
Philadelphia, Jan. 22, 1857. }

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—I beg leave to submit the accompanying Annual Rent Roll of Wharves and Landings, showing the amount of money received during the year past, and paid to the City Treasurer, and also the amount due the City up to 1st inst.

Very respectfully, &c.,

S. C. THOMPSON,
Commissioner of Market Houses,

YEARLY RENT ROLL

Of the Income of the Public Wharves and Landings of the City of Philadelphia, ending January 1, 1857.

PROPERTY—WHERE SITUATED.	TO WHOM LEASED.	COMMENCE- MENT OF LEASE.	TERMINA- TION OF LEASE.	RENT PER ANUM.	RENTS PAID.	REMARKS.
Franklin st. landing (Delaware).	James W. Early.	March 1, 1856	Feb'y 28, 1859	\$ 50	\$ 37 50	tenant.
Dickerson do.	Kaighn's Point Ferry Company.	April 18, 1854	April 17, 1861	100	200	Merrick, former oc-
Prime do.	Cooley & Soners.	March 1, 1854	Feb'y 28, 1857	600	600	cupant. \$156 25 rec'd from S.
Washington st. landing do.	Ezra B. Ely.	" 1, 1856	" 28, 1859	400	456 25	Balance due Dec. 1,
Christian do.	John Hetzel.	" 1, " "	" 28, " "	2500	1468 75	Balance due Dec. 1,
Queen do.	C. & J. Fallon.	April 1, 1851	March 31, 1858	100	100	\$127 5; refuses to
Catharine do.	John Esray, Jr.	March 1, 1856	Feb'y 28, 1859	325	286 25	pay, except in City
Davis' landing do.	George P. Mercer.	" 1, " "	" 28, " "	100	100	[Warrants.
Almond st. landing do.	Henwood & Rickards.	" 1, " "	" 28, " "	900	1025	
South do.	South Camden Ferry Company.	August 4, 1855	August 3, 1858	1200	700	Balance due Nov. 4,
Pine do.	James M. Burton & Co.	Jan'y 1, 1856	Dec. 31, 1856	600	600	\$800; agree to liqui-
Spruce do.	Jacob B. Lancaster.	March 1, " "	Feb'y 28, 1859	500	500	date balance at \$100
Dock do.	Phila. Wilm and Baltimore R. R. Co.	Jan'y 1, " "	Dec. 31, " "	3810	3857 50	[per month.
Walnut do.	Phila. and Camden Ferry Company.	" 1, " "	" 31, " "	1500	1500	
Chestnut do.	John M'Makin.	" 1, " "	" 31, " "	2100	2100	
Market do.	West Jersey Ferry Company.	March 1, " "	Feb'y 28, " "	2500	2400	
Market do. (North)	Philadelphia and Camden Ferry Co.	Jan'y 1, " "	Dec. 31, " "	800	800	
Arch do. (South)	Reeves, Buck & Co.	July 1, 1854	June 30, 1857	1200	1200	
Arch do.	Shiryna, Lelpais and Phila. S. B. Co.	" 1, " "	" 30, " "	2800	2800	
Yace do.	Bishop, Simons & Co.	August 14, 1853	Aug. 13, 1856	2000	2000	
Vine do.	Cooper's Point and Phila. Ferry Co.	April 27, 1856	April 26, 1859	2500	2500	
Callowhill do.	Allentown Iron Company.	March 15, 1855	March 14, 1858	3550	3550	
Noble do.	Roberts, Walton & Co.	" 1, 1856	Feb'y 28, 1859	3400	3700	
Green do.	Alfred H. Mann (Norcross & Sheets).	" 1, " "	" 28, " "	2500	4700	(\$950.
Coates do.	Young, Mixwell & Woolvorton.	" 1, " "	" 28, " "	3800	4150	1/4 rent due Dec. 1, '56,
Poplar do.	J. W. Cooper.	July 1, 1854	June 30, 1857	500	500	
Malden do.	John K. Hammitt.	" 1, " "	" 30, " "	150	150	
Shackamaxon st. land'g do.	Vaughn & Fisher.	" 1, " "	" 30, " "	200	200	
Marlborough do.	William H. Leibert.	" 1, " "	" 30, " "	100	50	
Hanover do.	Mathew Vandusen, sr.	" 17, " "	" 16, " "	425	425	
Palmer do.	Reany, Neafie & Co.	" 1, " "	" 30, " "	625	625	
Warren do.	Theodore H. Bireley.	" 1, " "	" 30, 1862	205	205	

Bishop	do.	Thomas Davidson.	August 1, 1854 July	31, 1857	130	130
Cumberland	do.	John G. Clodier.	Jan. 1, 1856 Dec.	31, 1858	25	18 75
William	do.	Reading Railroad Company.				
Alloghaney Av. landing	do.	John Daily.	June 15, 1855 June 14,	1858	60	30
Bridestown landing	do.	Daniel L. Miller, Jr.	April 1, 1856 March 31,	1859	100	103 50
Bridesburg creek landing	do.	Henry M. Rile.	" 1, " "		25	
Green lane	do.	Thomas Shoemaker.	Jan. " Dec.	31, 1859	10	
Coutes st. landing (Schuylkill).	do.	Bender & Wright.	" 1, 1852 "	31, 1856	15	5
Wool	do.	Hubbard & Taw.	May 1, 1856 April 30,	1859	150	187 50
Vine	do.				150	150
Race	do.	Cornell & Hendry.	April 1, 1856 March 31,	1859	40	120
Ach	do.	Bines & Sheaff.	Jan. 1, " Dec.	31, 1856	50	37 50
Cherry	do.					
Filbert	do.	Trustees Phila. Gas Works.				
Chestnut	do.	Samuel F. Prince.	Jan. 1, 1856 Dec.	31, 1856	4580	57 25
George	do.	Henry Beckley.	April 1, " March 31,	1859	125	125
Walnut	do.	Harbert, Davis & Co.	" 1, " "	31, "	125	193 75
Locust	do.	William S. Tav.	July 1, 1855 June 30,	1858	25	25
Spruce	do.	Robert A. Govett.	Jan. 1, 1856 Dec.	31, "	50	50
Pine	do.				131	123 25
Lombard	do.	Guardians of the Poor.			50	50
South	do.					
Shuppen	do.					
Callowhill st. bridge landing, west side, Schuylkill.	do.	Schuylkill Navigation Company.	Jan. 1, 1856 Dec.	31, 1858	100	75
Nectown lane landings, Schuylkill.					\$49,066	\$50,825 50

S. C. THOMPSON,
Commissioner of Market Houses.

S. C. THOMPSON,

APPENDIX No. 135.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN—The Committee of Conference appointed on the Amendment of Common Council to Select Council bill, entitled “An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the department of the City Commissioners for the purpose of paying salaries and other expenses incident to Assessments, and for expenses of elections in October and November, 1856,”

REPORT,

That they have agreed upon the following, and recommend its adoption.

Strike out “fifteen thousand four hundred and fifty-nine” in the third and fourth lines of the first section of the original bill, and insert: “eleven thousand four hundred and seventy-one.”

Strike out all after “namely” in the seventh line of the first section, and insert:

“For the salaries of the Assessors for the year 1856, five thousand seven hundred dollars.

For the compensation allowed by law to the Assessors, for making out alphabetical lists of the taxables of each division of the Ward, three hundred dollars.

For rent of election houses, two hundred and fifty dollars.

For Aldermen’s Fees, two hundred and fifty dollars.

For Prothonotaries’ Fees, one hundred dollars.

For compensation to the Judges, Inspectors and Clerks of the election for the year 1855, two hundred and fourteen dollars.

For compensation to the Judges, Inspectors and Clerks of the elections for the year 1856, four thousand five hundred and forty-two dollars.

For compensation to the Ward Return Judges, seventy dollars.

For compensation to the Return Judge, Clerks and Messenger for the elections 1856, forty-five dollars."

CHARLES V. HAGNER,	} <i>Common Council.</i>
HENRY T. KING,	
ANDREW MILLER,	
O. P. CORNMAN,	} <i>Select Council.</i>
D. S. BEIDEMAN,	

January 22, 1857.

APPENDIX NO. 136.

Read in place by MR. MASCHER, January 22, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To Repeal an Ordinance approved May 2, A. D. 1856, entitled "An Ordinance providing for the care and management of the City Steam Fire Engine 'Young America.'"

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the Ordinance approved May 2, A. D. 1856, entitled "an Ordinance, providing for the care and management of the City Steam Fire Engine 'Young America,' " shall be, and the same is hereby repealed, and that the powers, duties, salaries and perquisites of the Chief and Assistant Engineers, Drivers and Workmen, provided for by said Ordinance, shall cease on and after the passage hereof.

SECTION 2. That the Steam Fire Engine "Young America" shall revert to the trustees and original donors, and that the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department shall furnish the trustees of the Steam Fire Engine "Young America," Messrs. J. Cowperthwait, Stephen Colwell, William V. Pettit and Henry D. Sherrerd, with a copy, each, of this ordinance, and request them to take possession again, and remove the aforesaid engine forthwith.

APPENDIX No. 137.

COMMUNICATION FROM CITY CONTROLLER CORRECTING CERTAIN DISCREPANCIES IN HIS ANNUAL REPORT.

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE,
Philadelphia, January 29, 1857.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, Esq.,

Chairman of Finance Committee of Common Council:

DEAR SIR:—I beg to call the attention of your committee to the following account, and to request, should you deem it proper, that the same be submitted to Councils—my only object being to relieve myself from any responsibility in regard to the discrepancy.

Since the accounts of the city for 1856 were closed, the statement of which was submitted to Councils on the 22d instant, I find that the City Treasurer has paid on account of Outstanding Warrants of 1855, issued by the *Department of City Commissioners*, the sum of \$4,002 77. In my annual statement, above referred to, the outstanding warrants of 1855, from said department, are stated to amount to only \$1,607 78; and this sum includes the payment, in 1856, of \$4,000, omitted in the Controller's statement of Jan. 17, 1856.

The account, after making this correction, would stand as follows, to wit:—

Outstanding Warrants of 1855, *Department of City Commissioners*, as per statement of City Controller, Jan.

17, 1856,	\$73,788 20
Omitted in said statement, as above,	4,000 00

	77,788 20
Am't paid by City Treasurer, during 1856,	76,180 42

Balance outstanding, as per statement, January 22, 1857,	1,607 78
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Amount paid by City Treasurer, from 1st to 24th January, 1857,	4,002 77
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Excess of payments over amount stated to be due,	\$2,394 99
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Respectfully yours,

S. TAYLOR, *City Controller.*

APPENDIX No. 138.

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF
THE PHILADELPHIA GAS WORKS.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia :*

GENTLEMEN: In conformity with the requisitions of the ordinance establishing the Philadelphia Gas Works, the Board of Trustees present this their Twenty-second Annual Report to the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, on the Department of Gas.

The Trustees have the pleasure to say that the Department of Gas is in a prosperous condition. The results of the past year have realized every reasonable expectation, and enabled the Trustees to meet promptly every engagement.

During the past year, there were no new constructions undertaken; those which were previously commenced and in progress, have been completed. Among the most important of these is the large Gas-holder, immediately connected with the works at Point Breeze, in the First Ward. It was completed and brought into use in the early part of the winter, and its efficiency has entirely realized the expectations of the Engineer and Trust. It is believed to be the largest structure of the kind for the storage of gas in the United States—being 160 feet in diameter and 90 feet high, and capable of holding one million eight hundred thousand cubic feet of gas. Since it has been brought into use, it has been subjected to the violence of several severe gales of wind, one of which was accompanied with a heavy fall of snow, without affecting in the least degree its usefulness or steady action.

The experiment thus far, with this gas-holder, has settled the question, that structures of this character and dimensions are more reliable for steadiness and more economical than similar structures of smaller dimensions.

To secure harmony and promptitude of action between the different works and offices belonging to the Trust, arrangements have been made to connect them by the magnetic telegraph, which will be completed in the course of a short time.

The total amount of gas made at the works belonging to the Trust, during the past year, was four hundred and thirty-four millions seven hundred and forty-two thousand cubic feet.

Of this amount there was produced at the works in the

First Ward,	163,930,000
In the Ninth Ward,	184,357,000
In the Fifteenth Ward,	86,455,000

Making a total of	434,742,000
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cubic feet.

The greatest consumption of gas used in twenty-four hours, was on the 31st of December last, when it amounted to 2,166,000 cubic feet.

There has been used for the production of gas in 1856, 44,468 tons of coal, 351,849 pounds of rosin, and 644 cords of wood.

The greatest number of retorts in use at one time, in all the works, was 356.

The number of meters and services set in 1856, was 2,323.

The total number of consumers registered in the books of the Trust, on the 1st instant, was 25,544.

The total number of public lights supplied with gas on the 1st instant, made by the works under the Trust, including those supplied through the pipes of the Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Company and the Germantown Gas Company, was 3,701

And the total number of private lights in use, supplied by the works under the Trust in the same manner, was	334,891
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Making a total of	338,592
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The gas supplied under the Trust to the citizens in the Twenty-third Ward, is purchased of and supplied by the Northern Liberties Gas Company, at an annual

loss to the Trust. This loss must continue until the consumption in that ward will warrant the expense of laying a main of sufficient capacity from the works under the Trust, to supply that section of the City, or Councils shall sooner authorize the purchase of those works from which the present supply is obtained.

There were laid, during the past year, 50,122 feet of street mains, making the entire length of mains belonging to the Trust, 1,132,321 feet. The total amount of service pipe laid, is 391,136 feet—making 214.4 miles of mains and 74 miles of services.

The funds provided for the extension of the works, mains, service pipes and meters, are exhausted; and it will be therefore necessary to decline receiving any new applications for gas, until Councils shall authorize the necessary means therefor. By the terms of the Trust, as well as by the spirit of the Consolidation Act and ordinances of Councils, the Trustees are not at liberty to contract obligations beyond the means provided for their payment. All further extensions of mains, and the supply of service pipes and meters, must necessarily cease, unless the means shall be supplied by the applicants for gas, or by Councils.

The Trustees are thus explicit, in order that Councils may be timely advised of the necessity of making early provision to meet the wants of their fellow-citizens.

The department of public lighting has necessarily occupied a large share of the attention of the Trust. It was a department of public business in which they had no experience, and upon which they entered without any guide, but with an unwavering purpose to discharge faithfully every obligation to Councils and the public. This service, it will be recollected, was not solicited by the Trust; it was accepted at the instance of Councils, on the ground of public economy, as well as to have the City more efficiently lighted.

Much labor and time were expended in organizing a system which would be effective. This object is accomplished, and there only remains to be completed the maps of the different wards, with the location of each public lamp.

It is believed by impartial judges that this service has been faithfully performed by the Trust, and that the public lamps are in a state of efficiency far superior in every respect compared with the condition in which they were when the contract with the City was made.

The efforts of the Superintendent of Distribution, who, with other duties, has charge of this department, are untiring to have this branch of the public service all that can be desired.

The total number of public lamps, on the 1st instant, which are lighted under the contract, was 5574. Of these, 877 are fluid lamps, and the remainder gas lamps. To light, extinguish, cleanse and repair these lamps requires the constant services of a large number of persons. Among so many employees, occasional omissions of duty will occur. Every precaution, however, has been taken both to prevent and detect any neglect of duty. The public are daily advised that, in addition to the principal office, other offices have been opened in different sections of the City for the purpose of receiving information from the citizens respecting any neglect of the public lamps.

With regard to the economy of the system under the contract, the only means which the Trustees possess of forming a just estimate, is from the official report of the Controller, made to Councils, January 16, 1856. The amount reported as the expenses for lighting the City, in 1855, is \$286,625 25.

By the ordinance of Councils, approved February 16, 1856, under which the contract between the Trustees and the City was made, the entire sum appropriated for this whole service for the year 1856 was \$225,000; and this amount, after meeting every engagement for the entire year, left a balance to the credit of the appropriation of several thousand dollars.

The average amount of gas consumed by each lamp monthly was fully 1,800 feet, or 21,600 feet per annum, as ascertained by the lamp meters, from July 1 to December 31, 1856. The burners used in the public lamps average full six feet per hour, which gives 3,600 hours of actual lighting for the year 1856.

The subject of negotiating with the several gas companies referred to in the ordinance of March 20, 1855, has occupied the attention of the Trust during the past year. It has recently been presented to Councils by the Committee on Gas of the Select and Common Councils, and is now before your honorable bodies for consideration and definite action.

Should Councils, in their wisdom, decide upon the purchase of those works, and place them under the management of the Trustees, it is indispensable that sufficient means should be provided for the extension of the mains, service pipes and meters. Without such means, the Trustees will not be authorized to assume their management and reduce the price of gas to that at present charged by the Trust to private consumers.

The attention of Councils is again invited to the importance of providing residences for the workmen employed at the works in the First Ward. It was with extraordinary labor and expense that a road was opened to those works after the recent snow storm, and a large proportion of the workmen, owing to the want of dwellings near the works, was subjected to much toil and suffering in reaching them. Convenient and respectable residences can be furnished on the ground belonging to the Trust, and at a rent which will be within the reach of any ordinary workman, and the rent can be secured out of their monthly pay.

The Trustees are happy to say that, notwithstanding the very large engagements contracted during the past year by the Trust, they were all promptly met as they matured.

By the operation of the sinking fund, and the investments of the contingent fund, one-half of the entire cost of all the works under the management of the Trust is virtually discharged. This has been effected without burdening the citizens with one cent additional tax, and at the same time they have been supplied with gas of a superior quality and at a lower price than is furnished by any other works in any of our Atlantic cities.

The founders of the Philadelphia Gas Works proposed to build up a gas establishment which, at moderate prices for its products, and a well devised system of finance, should pay for its entire cost without adding to the burden of taxes, and ultimately become the heritage of the citizens, and the profits therefrom applied to lessen the tax for public lighting.

All this will be accomplished if the system, so well devised and skilfully prosecuted, shall be in the future as faithfully adhered to.

For a more full and detailed condition of the works and finances, Councils are respectfully referred to the reports of the Engineer and Cashier, made to the Board of Trustees, by those officers, of their respective departments, and which are herewith submitted.

By order of the Trustees,

GEORGE H. BURGIN, *President*.

WILLIAM FENNELL, *Register*.

January, 1857.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

To the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works :

GENTLEMEN:—In compliance with the requisition of the by-laws of the Board, the Engineer presents his twenty-first annual report of the operations and state of the works.

The several factories belonging to the Trust have produced, in the year 1856, 434,742,000 cubic feet of gas—of which 163,930,000 were made at the works in First Ward, 184,357,000 in Ninth Ward, and 86,455,000 in Fifteenth Ward.

The whole quantity that has been made under the Trust, from its commencement, is over twenty-seven hundred million cubic feet, or, in exact figures, 2,729,021,000.

The largest quantity used in twenty-four hours was

2,166,000 cubic feet, on the last night of the year, and the largest daily product of the several works has been 799,000 in First Ward, 1,084,000 in Ninth Ward, and 440,000 in Fifteenth Ward.

These maximum daily productions did not occur simultaneously, and, therefore, their aggregate amount was not produced on any one day, it having been found most convenient to manage the different factories in such way that one might be in full working order when the yield of another had fallen off by reason of the wear of its retorts.

The materials used in making gas in the several factories are as shown in the annexed tabular statements :—

	1st Ward.	9th Ward.	15th Ward.	Total.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Coal in store, January 1, 1856,	3,792	7,500	113	11,405
Coal bought in 1856,	24,023	27,822	9,294	61,144
	27,820	35,322	9,407	72,549
Coal carbonized in 1856,	16,372	19,034	9,062	44,468
Coal in store, January 1, 1857,	11,448	16,288	345	28,081
	27,820	35,322	9,407	72,549
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
Coke on hand, January 1, 1856,	6,500	34,600	6,960	48,060
Coke made in 1856,	563,563	680,444	324,817	1,568,824
	570,063	715,044	331,777	1,616,824
Coke used under retorts in 1856,	228,307	381,169	202,037	811,513
Coke used in office, yard, &c.,	62,404	16,169	4,500	77,072
Coke sold,	99,353	318,706	100,180	518,239
Coke on hand, January 1, 1857,	180,000	5,000	25,000	210,000
	575,963	715,044	331,717	1,616,824

There has also been used 351,849 pounds of resin and 644 cords of wood, and 132,173 bushels of lime in purifiers. The maximum number of retorts continuously in use at the works in the First Ward was 126, in Ninth Ward 240, and in the Fifteenth Ward 97; the average being in the First Ward $78\frac{1}{2}$, in the Ninth Ward $112\frac{1}{4}$, and in the Fifteenth Ward $53\frac{5}{12}$. The greatest number at work, in all these works, at any one time, being 356.

The largest daily average yield of each retort in the year was

7,194 feet at the works in First Ward.
5,482 " " Ninth "
5,150 " " Fifteenth "

The largest quantity from each pound of coal, respectively made for any full day's work,

4.92 feet at works in First Ward.

4.65 " " Ninth "

4.64 " " Fifteenth "

The number of meters and service pipes, put in at new places has been,

In the wards comprising the old City,	843
" " " Spring Garden and Penn,	1,076
" " " Moyamensing,	244
" Twenty-third Ward,	44
" Twenty-fourth "	116

2,323

Making a total of meters and services set, in 1856, 2,323, and the whole number now in use 24,446.

The number of applications registered during the year has been,

In the old City, including Moyamensing,	3,846
In Spring Garden and Penn,	2,626
In Twenty-third Ward,	414
In Twenty-fourth "	254

In all, 7,140

Deducting from these the removals and discontinuances, amounting to 4,494, and adding the number of previous consumers, shows the whole number of gas consumers at the present time to be 25,544.

The lights added during the year are as follows:—

Old City,	13,475
Moyamensing,	1,809
Spring Garden and Penn,	14,673
Twenty-fourth Ward,	295
Previously in use,*	283,216

Total, 313,468

The public lamps now in use amount, in all the wards supplied from these works, to 3,701. Adding

* This includes the lights in Twenty-third Ward, which are on the books of the Trust, but supplied by the Northern Liberties Gas Company.

these to 280,756 private lights, previously supplied, and also 18,282 private lights supplied through the pipes of the Southwark Gas Company, and 5,601 private lights supplied to the Germantown Gas Company, makes the aggregate of 338,592 lights receiving gas from these works.

In the Twenty-third Ward, there are 2,460 private and 55 public lights supplied with gas from the Northern Liberties Gas Company.

The length of street mains laid during the year has been 50,122 feet, and the entire length of mains belonging to the Trust is 1,132,221 feet. The aggregate length of service pipes is 391,136 feet, making 214 4-10 miles of main and 74 miles of services.

The extension of the pipes and consequent increased consumption of gas in some of the northern wards, within a few years, has been so great as to create some difficulty in distributing a proper supply, in consequence of the insufficient capacity of many of the old mains of the Spring Garden Works. In order to remove this defect of supply, a main of larger size than those before laid should be carried eastward from the twenty-inch main recently laid in Broad street, so as to intersect all the pipes lying north and south as far east as Sixth street. For this purpose, an outlet ten inches in diameter was placed on the Broad street main, at the north end of the twenty-inch pipe, with which a suitable connection can be made, and the defect of pressure now felt in the Fourteenth, Fifteenth and Twentieth Wards be thus removed. Until further provision be made by law for the extension of main pipes and services, all new work in this department will have of necessity to be postponed, unless the Board shall adopt the course, pursued on a former occasion, of allowing such work to be done where the applicants agree to pay the entire cost of the work and fixtures.

At the several manufacturing stations, no new constructions have been undertaken in the past year; the improvements completed being only those that had been previously commenced. Of these, the most im-

portant is the large gas-holder No. 12, which was so far completed in the autumn as to be in good working condition. It was put in operation early in the winter, and has continued to work with great steadiness and regularity.

Its efficiency, as a great reservoir and regulator of pressure during the hours of maximum consumption, has fully equalled every expectation. Its advantages in these respects cannot easily be over-estimated; and by its steady action, during several violent gales of wind, it proves that a gas-holder of very large dimensions is much more dependable than those that are smaller.* Notwithstanding the unexpected obstacles encountered in the construction of this gas-holder and tank, by reason of the difficult character of the foundations and casualties of the weather, it is worthy of note that its cost per cubic foot of capacity is much less than that of any other gas-holder ever built at these works, with the exception only of No. 11, which being also of unusually large size, was constructed, at less cost per cubic foot, than any other of which I have any knowledge in the United States.

Had the unlooked-for difficulties alluded to not occurred, the relative cost of No. 12 would have been below that of No. 11, and it may now be esteemed an established truth, that in all large works, economy is promoted by the use of gas-holders of very large dimensions.

As it is believed that two gas-holders of as large capacity as these, are not to be found at any other gas works, the present may be considered a suitable occasion for a brief description of them. No. 11 was built in 1850, and has been in almost constant use since that year. It is of telescopic plan, 140 feet in diameter and 70 feet high, containing one million

* Since the presentation of this report to the Trustees, the occurrence of the great snow storm of January 18th, accompanied by a gale of unusual violence, has afforded another opportunity for testing the stability of this gas-holder. At the time of the storm it was raised more than forty feet high, containing over 800,000 cubic feet of gas, and showed not the slightest symptom of unsteadiness or excessive strain.

cubic feet. Gas-holder No. 12, was put in operation early in December last; it is, like the other, telescopic in form, 160 feet in diameter, 90 feet high, containing one million eight hundred thousand cubic feet.

The tank is 162 feet in clear diameter and 46 feet deep, excavated in gravel and clay, with a central mound 25 feet high.

When the excavation for this tank had been sunk nearly to the depth required for the foundation and floor, the substratum of stiff clay was forced upwards by the pressure of water beneath, revealing a quicksand, that existed about 55 feet below the top level of the tank, and which had not been detected by borings previously made, to a depth of more than 50 feet, for the purpose of proving the nature of the ground. This unwelcome discovery made it necessary, for the proper security of the foundations, to adopt some expedient for reaching a firm bed of gravel, which was found to lie about 70 feet from the surface.

The great influx of water at this depth, of more than 40 feet below tide, forbade any other mode of reaching this solid bottom than by driving piles. Some thousands were driven in such positions as would allow the tank walls, the guide towers and the floor to rest on heavy timbers, secured by bolting to the piles after the latter had been driven home in the solid gravel below.

These timbers are laid close together, radiating from the central mound to the outer circumference of the foundation walls; their joints were tightly caulked, and the whole covered with a bed of hydraulic concrete. The tank walls are of rubble masonry, built in two separate rings, the outer one, four feet thick, laid in gravel mortar; the inner one, eighteen inches thick, laid in hydraulic cement, with an interstice of six inches, filled in with hydraulic concrete. To increase the tightness of the bottom it is covered by a dome-shaped pavement of brick, grouted with hydraulic cement. An annular wall of stone is built within the tank, midway between the outer wall and the centre. Upon this are placed 24 tressel frames, 35 feet high,

which sustain the crown of the gas-holder, so as to prevent the sway of the sheets when unsupported by the gas. No rafters are used, nor any interior framework, except a series of tie-rods, which are secured to the crown-sheets in such way as to distribute over its entire area the weight of the centre post and the vertical sides.

This arrangement was adopted in consequence of the great weight required to give this holder such pressure as would control all the others connected with the several works, all of which are more than three miles distant, and some two or three times more remote.

To facilitate the future increase of its pressure, the legs on which the inner section stands, and against which the outer section is guided, are made of cast iron and hollow, for receiving the additional weights that may hereafter be required.

To support and guide the gas-holder there are twelve towers of cast iron, ninety feet high, standing on stone bases; their form is pentagonal, about twelve feet in diameter. The girders connecting the towers are in the form of a heavy balustrade, with open quatre-foil panels, and are placed fifteen feet below the summits of the towers.

The weight of metal in the whole structure is over one thousand tons; that of the gas-holder alone about three hundred tons.

To those who are most familiar with the properties of gases, it may appear incredible that a vast structure, weighing over 600,000 pounds, can be sustained with safety, resting solely upon a fluid so light and subtle as illuminating gas, whose density is less than half that of atmospheric air, or only one-sixteenth hundredths part the weight of water. But the great diameter of this machine gives it an area of 20,000 square feet, and the whole pressure due to its weight is only thirty pounds on the square foot, equal to a column of water not quite six inches high. It is therefore raised with the greatest ease by the inflowing gas, by which it can be lifted out of the water of the tank to the

height of ninety feet; and as the gas is consumed or passed into the other holders, it is gently lowered with the silent steady motion of a great pneumatic press.

Another structure which has been completed during the past year, is the Hydraulic Elevator, used for raising coals from the wharf into the coal stores, recently constructed at the First Ward works. The construction and operation of this machine are of extreme simplicity; two rectangular water-tight boxes, made of boiler iron, capable of holding a ton and a half of water, each one suspended to the ends of a strong chain that passes over a wheel placed at the top of the hoisting tower. The length of the chain is such that one box is level with the railroad track on the wharf, when the other is level with a similar track leading into the attic of the coal stores. A short section of rail track on top of each box, is adjusted to fit these main tracks when the boxes are in place. A loaded car being run on the lower box and a light car on the upper one, water is allowed to flow into the latter from a cistern, until its weight preponderates, when it descends and raises the loaded car—its velocity being regulated by means of a powerful friction brake, which is worked by an attendant, who likewise works the valves for supplying water. When the descending car reaches the bottom of the tower, a self-acting valve opens and allows its load of water to escape.

After the coals have been delivered from the vessel, at the wharf, into an iron car, placed on a railway laid along the water's edge, they need no further handling—being drawn by a mule to the platform of the elevator, by which they are hoisted sixty feet, to a track leading into the attic of the coal stores, where they are dropped from the car, at a height which allows the pile to trim itself to the slope of the roof; thus filling up the store more completely than could be done by any other mode, and saving more than three-fourths the expense of storing in the usual way. As the two coal stores now erected are capable of holding only about one-half the coal required for the winter's supply, it will be a measure of good economy to build two

more in the present year, whereby the saving of expense in handling and hauling may be gained upon the whole quantity used, and the coals be more perfectly protected from damage than they can be in temporary sheds.

In constructing the retort benches at the First Ward Station, provision was made for their adaptation to various different plans of setting the retorts in the fire arches, without disturbing the permanent masonry.

The superior facilities for making comparative trials of different plans, thus secured, have not been without their proper fruits. The Assistant Engineer, under whose immediate direction the works at this Station are placed, has introduced a new plan of setting in an open arch, disencumbered of the usual complex arrangement of flues, from which he has produced results much more economical than any heretofore obtained at the older works. The daily yield, when the beds are new and in good condition, has been over 8,000 cubic feet of gas from each retort, or about 25,000 from a bed of three. The average yield, during the operations of an entire season, has been nearly 7,000 feet a day, from each retort, or 20,000 feet from a bed of three. The contrast of results, derivable from different modes of setting the retorts, is exhibited very clearly in a trial, made at the request of a Trustee, of another plan of setting, used in a neighboring city. In order to insure the utmost fairness and accuracy of the comparison, the retorts used were of the same pattern, exactly alike in all respects. The beds in which they were placed were immediately contiguous, in the same section of retort bench, and were worked by the same gang of stokers, using the same kind of coal and fuel. The trial was continued many months, and until the retorts were used up so far as practical economy of use would permit.

The contrast is remarkable and instructive. When the new setting was first put to work with the flue dampers adjusted according to instructions given by its suggestor, the daily yield was about 3,700 feet to the retort, or 11,000 to the bed of three retorts. By a

different adjustment, found upon experiment to produce the best results obtainable, the yield was increased to 4,300 feet per day, from each retort, or about 13,000 feet from each bed of three. This was the utmost they could be made to yield without endangering the construction of the bed by melting down the furnace. As these results speak for themselves, they require but brief comment.

The cost for retorts, for retort house, room, and for labor of working, is the same in both the plans of setting; the daily product in one case exceeds that in the other by one-half.

The setting in open arches, when fully introduced, will much increase the capacity and profitable results of our works; the other would take largely from us, in both these respects. The practical difference between the adoption of the one or the other, in its money value, on our present scale of operations, would amount annually to the interest on a capital of more than half a million dollars.

By the results of these experiments, which have been continued through a term of many months, I feel warranted in reiterating the opinion expressed last year, that whenever the contemplated transfer of the entire manufacturing operations of the works, to the First Ward Station, shall take place, the advantages arising from the improved arrangements there in use, will be sufficient to pay a large interest on the cost of the removal.

Another year's trial of the cellular retort, for the production of gas from vegetable substances, has confirmed the results heretofore reported, with respect to the quantity and illuminating quality of the gas thus obtained. As there seemed to be some doubt as to the permanency of this gas, it was thought worth while to test it in such way as would bring the question to a satisfactory solution. A considerable quantity of it (30,000 cubic feet) was stored in a gas-holder by itself, and after remaining thus isolated several weeks, was tested photometrically. It had not changed perceptibly—having retained its illuminating power as com-

pletely as coal gas under similar trial. With the present relative prices of wood and coal in the Philadelphia market, the cost of making gas from the former is somewhat the lower; but the difference is not sufficient to justify the immediate abandonment of the latter. Should a commercial change occur, by which the price of coals should be again advanced to the high point reached two or three years ago, there might arise important advantages to these works and its customers, from the ability to make the substitution of wood for coal. It will, therefore, be consistent with good policy to continue, as heretofore, the use of such number of wood retorts as can be supplied with that material, without sensibly affecting its market price; particularly as their use is accompanied by some immediate profit, and entails no extra cost for the contingent advantages arising therefrom.

A very careful and accurate analysis and photometric examination of wood gas has been made by two eminent analytical chemists (Dr. Wolcott Gibbs, of New York, and Dr. F. A. Genth, of Philadelphia), whose report of their chemical results furnishes a highly satisfactory explanation of certain curious phenomena that accompany the combustion of this gas. They examined two varieties of gas—one made from old field pine, the other from small second growth oak, with the following results:

	GAS FROM PINE.	GAS FROM OAK.
Specific gravity,	0.663	0.580
COMPOSITION.		
Hydrogen,	32.71	30.44
Light carb. hydrogen,	21.50	33.12
Olef. gas and hyd. carb.		
vapors,	10.57	6.46
Carbonic oxide,	27.11	26.11
Carbonic acid,	4.90	0.48
Oxygen,	0.66	None.
Nitrogen,	2.55	3.39
	100.00	100.00

The gases were collected at the Ninth Ward Works, and taken to New York for analysis. Their illuminating power was tested, and found to be over twenty-six candles for a five feet burner. A subsequent series of photometrical trials of wood gas, previously passed through a long pipe, exposed to a temperature of 15° F., gave an average of $18\frac{3}{10}$ candles from a burner consuming $4\frac{6}{10}$ feet per hour. The conclusion at which these gentlemen arrived, from their elaborate examination, is, "that wood gas, in illuminating power, is fully equal to the average of coal gas."

It affords me much gratification to be able to report, with much commendation, upon the working of the new department, recently organized for the superintendence of the general distribution and the public lighting. Its early operation was embarrassed by the want of proper plans and records, for showing the number and position of the mains and lamps in many of the wards outside the old City limits. The remedy for these deficiencies was promptly taken in hand, and the matured system hitherto in use within those limits, will soon be extended over the whole.

The defects last year reported as the cause of so much waste of gas by leakage, in certain northern wards, have been to some extent repaired, and the difference in the loss account gives proof of the good effects produced; but there yet remains much more to be done in this respect. For these excellent results, much is due to the intelligent and assiduous labors of the Superintendent, Mr. William G. Flanagan, whose whole attention is devoted to the responsible duties of the office, with a zeal and faithfulness worthy of high praise.

Early in the Summer, the connection that had been authorized last Winter, with the pipes of the German-town Gas Works, was completed; and for some months the supply to the Twenty-second Ward has been drawn from the City Works. To prevent the inconvenience that might arise from the length of the conduit and the large number of intermediate consumers, the distance to the farthest off customer being nearly ten miles, it was thought advisable to arrange

the supply so that the gas-holder at the Germantown Works should be filled by day, and the connection, with the City Works be shut off during the hours of active lighting. By this procedure the pressure in the Twenty-second Ward is the same as if the gas were made at their local works. The quantity supplied is about 28,000 cubic feet daily, as registered by a station meter, placed near the south line of the ward.

The growing magnitude of the operations at the different offices and works managed under the Gas Trust, and their constant mutual dependence, have created a necessity for frequent intercommunication of intelligence and of official directions, such as can be most perfectly obtained only by means of the magnetic telegraph. No time has, therefore, been lost in carrying into effect the recent directions of the Board upon this subject, and the contractor is moving so promptly that the line will very soon be in readiness for use. Of the advantages to be derived from this it is not easy to form, in advance, anything like an adequate estimate.

In the management and control of the numerous gas-holders, many miles apart, but in close mechanical connection, it will add greatly to their security. In the regulation of the street main pressure at various points during the hours of lighting, it will prevent the inconveniences that now so frequently result from want of prompt information at the works. In regulating the lighting and extinguishing of the public lamps, in giving a knowledge of the exact locality of fires, and in a vast number of other matters, it will be truly of inestimable value.

No action having yet been taken for providing convenient residences for the workmen employed at the works at the First Ward, the duty is again imposed of reporting it as a cause of much hardship to them, and no little disadvantage to the works.

A succinct view of the principal statistics of the affairs of the Trust will be found in the appended tabulated statements.

Respectfully,

JOHN C. CRESSON, *Engineer.*

REPORT OF THE CASHIER.

To the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works:

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to report to you the condition of the finances of the Trustees, as they stood on the 1st of January, 1857. In doing so, I have the pleasure to say that they present a very satisfactory exhibit of the condition of the Trust.

It will be seen by reference to the accounts herewith submitted, that the entire capital invested in the Philadelphia Gas Works, on the first of the present month, was

\$2,615,774 35

Of this amount there was derived from	
loans, authorized for that purpose,	\$1,776,200 00
From investments of the Contingent	
Fund, &c.,	389,574 35
From the works taken from the City	
under the ordinance of Councils, ap-	
proved March 20, 1855,	450,000 00
	<u>\$2,615,774 35</u>

The investments in the Sinking Fund, up to the 1st inst., consisting of gas loans and loans of the City, amounted to

\$705,441 63

Amount invested under ordinance of	
March 20, 1855,	18,900 00
Appropriation and interest due to the	
Sinking Fund, the 1st inst.,	91,849 07
Amount of Contingent Fund invested in	
works, January 1, 1856,	336,272 69
Amount of Contingent Fund invested	
during the past year, and belonging to	
and placed to the credit of that fund,	
January 1, 1857,	42,204 93

Making a total of	<u>\$1,194,668 32</u>
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It will thus be seen at a glance, that nearly one-half of the entire debt or cost of all the works under the management of the Trust, is virtually paid. Could the investments in the Sinking Fund be disposed of at par, the first six loans could, with the consent of the holders, be immediately paid in full.

The Sinking Fund has accumulated faster than the obligations of the Trust require. The first loan will not be due until 1861, when the Sinking Fund must and will be sufficient to pay in full the first eight loans.

Our engagements for coal and other materials used exclusively in the manufacture of gas, including also wages of every description, repairs, public lighting and incidental expenses, amounted, during the past year, to \$674,994 94. To meet such engagements profitably, the working capital should at least be \$250,000 00.

During the past year especially, cash could at all times command much more advantageous terms than the most undoubted credit. It is not only desirable, therefore, but indispensable, for the successful and economical working of our system, that we should have a working capital adequate for all our wants.

It is recommended that the accumulations of the Contingent Fund, which have heretofore been applied to the extension of the works and mains, shall be in future employed as working capital, until a sufficient amount for that purpose is secured.

The temporary loans, on the 1st of January, 1856, amounted to \$141,449 31; on the 1st of January, 1857, they amounted to \$43,711 15—showing a reduction in this item of \$97,738 16.

The balance of Loan Ninth will all be absorbed by the engagements of the Trust. It will be necessary, therefore, to decline laying any additional mains, or receiving any new applications for gas, until the necessary provision shall be made therefore.

This is a subject which claims the immediate attention of the Trustees, and through them the City Councils, in order that early and proper measures may be adopted for supplying the citizens with gas.

As the station meters for measuring the supply of

gas, furnished to the late districts of Moyamensing and West Philadelphia, were removed, for the purpose of affording an increased supply of gas to the citizens residing in those portions of the City, the receipts from gas for these districts, were consequently placed directly to the credit of the works in the First and Ninth Wards, which furnished the gas.

The total receipts, from gas, for private and public lighting, and for other products furnished by all the works, during the year 1856, were \$932,091 31.

The receipts from gas, for private consumption, furnished by the works in the Fifteenth Ward, during the last year, exceed those of the same period in 1855 twenty-five per cent.

The quantity of gas sold during the past year, which was furnished by these works, is twelve per cent. less than the amount made, as recorded by the station meter of the works. This is an improvement on the consumption of 1855, and is doubtless owing to the fact that during the past year some of the defects in the old lines of mains in the Fifteenth Ward were connected.

The Department of Public Lighting has occupied a large share of attention during the past year. The service was entirely novel—we had no experience or guide to direct us. A system was devised and carefully watched and perfected. This has been in a great degree accomplished. Maps of the different wards are in process of preparation, which will exhibit the location of each public lamp; when these maps are finished, and the lamps numbered and registered, the Department of Lighting will be completed.

This Department, notwithstanding its novelty and the difficulties attending its organization, has fully met the expectations which were entertained when the contract for that branch of the public service was made with the City. It is believed, too, by impartial judges, that the service has been faithfully performed. The lamps are kept in good repair, lighted, extinguished and cleaned, with but rare exceptions, in strict conformity with the contract.

The purpose and aim of the Superintendent of Distribution (who, with other duties, is charged with the care of the public lamps,) is to have that branch of the public service perfect. And it is but simple justice to him to say that his efforts to this end are unremitting.

There are a large number of persons employed in lighting, extinguishing, cleaning and repairing the public lamps, and among so many employed occasional omissions of duty will occur. Every precaution, however, has been taken by the Superintendent of Distribution, both to prevent and detect any neglect of duty. Offices have been opened in different sections of the City for the purpose of receiving information from the citizens, respecting any neglect on the part of those charged with the repairing, cleaning, lighting and extinguishing of the public lamps.

The average consumption of gas for each public lamp, from July 1, 1856, to December 31, 1856, is found, by actual registry of meters attached to a number of the lamps, to be full 1,800 cubic feet per month, equal to 21,600 feet per annum. The burners average six feet per hour, which of course gives 3,600 hours of actual lighting, for each public lamp, during the year.

The prices which are paid for gas to the various Gas Companies, which supply about one-third of the whole number of public gas lamps in use, causes the whole of the gas used for public lighting to cost the Trust twenty-five per cent. more than it would if the whole of the gas used for this department could be supplied by the works belonging to the Trust.

There can be no doubt that the present system of public lighting is one of economy to the City, as compared with the expenditure of previous years, for this branch of public service.

In the Annual Report of the Controller, made to Councils January 16, 1856, of the expenditures of the various departments for the year 1855, the amount reported, as the expenses for lighting the City in 1855, is \$286,625 25, while the amount appropriated for the

same service in 1856 was \$225,000, which, after paying the entire cost of lighting, extinguishing, cleaning and repairing, left a balance of some \$3,000 to the credit of the appropriation.

From the most reliable sources it is ascertained that the Boston Gas Light Company receive from the City of Boston, one cent per hour for the gas consumed in each public lamp, averaging five feet of gas per hour, and one cent 43-100 for lighting, cleaning and extinguishing each lamp per night. The repairs are done at the cost of the City.

If the number of hours of lighting time, and the amount of gas consumed by each public lamp in Boston, be made equal to that which is given by the Trustees to the City of Philadelphia, each public lamp, exclusive of repairs, would cost the City of Boston \$47 71-100 annually.

The Manhattan Gas Company of New York receive from that City \$25 per annum for each public lamp, estimated to burn 3,833 hours per year. This sum includes gas, lighting, extinguishing and cleaning. All the repairs are made at the cost of the City.

The New York Gas Light Company of New York receive from that City \$25 78 $\frac{2}{3}$ for each public lamp, annually estimated to burn 3,833 hours per year. The service rendered by this Company is similar to that rendered by the Manhattan Gas Company.

The Gas Light Company of Baltimore receive from the City of Baltimore \$22 50 per annum for gas for each public lamp, estimated to burn 2,300 hours per year. The City of Baltimore pays all expenses for lighting, extinguishing, cleaning and repairing.

We are not informed what is the average quantity of gas consumed by each lamp per annum, which the three last-named companies supply; but taking the prices received by the Manhattan Gas Company and the New York Gas Light Company, and adding repairs, &c., the difference between the actual cost to the City of New York and the actual cost to the City of Philadelphia, for public lighting, per lamp, respectively, cannot be material.

The Gas Light Company of Baltimore estimate 2,300 hours as their time for lighting, for each public lamp, per annum, for which the City of Baltimore pays \$22 50-100; by making the Baltimore time equivalent to that of Philadelphia, and add the expenses of lighting, extinguishing, cleaning and repairing, and the result will exceed \$43 per annum as the cost of each public lamp. There is another fact which ought not to be overlooked, it is this: the Boston and New York Gas Companies are each receiving \$2 50 per thousand cubic feet for gas for private lighting, and the Baltimore Gas Light Company receives \$3 for the same quantity. They are all private companies.

Could the Trust have received \$2 50 per thousand cubic feet for all the gas made at their works during the year 1856, the whole of the public lighting could have been performed by the Trustees for nearly one half of the price which they received for it.

This is the true aspect in which this subject is to be examined: and it will be patent to every candid mind that comparing the prices received by the Trust, for public and private lighting, with the prices received for the same objects by other gas works, that the citizens of Philadelphia receive their public lighting at a much lower rate than any other of the Atlantic cities of the Union.

Beside, it should not be forgotten, that if any profit should, perchance, accrue to the Trust, by the performance of this service, the whole benefit inures to the citizens—it is their property.

There is another fact, too, which ought not to be lost sight of—that the Trust sustained a loss of \$7,000 during the past year, by discounts on warrants on the City Treasurer, received in payment for public lighting.

Complaints have been and are made of the want of sufficient light from the public lamps, in those portions of the City which are supplied with gas by the Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Company and the Germantown Gas Company. This is owing to want of sufficient pressure which is felt in the early part of the evening, when the private and public consump-

tion is general. As soon as the private consumption declines, there is abundance of gas for the remainder of the night for public lighting.

This evil will no doubt continue until Councils shall take some definite action with regard to the purchase of these works.

The public lamps in which "burning fluid" is used for lighting, have been the cause of much labor and anxiety to the department, not only on account of the feeble light which they afford, but in repeated instances, the public have been deprived even of that by evil disposed persons, who have taken the lamp with its contents from the lantern, thus subjecting the public to greater inconvenience, the department to blame, and the Trust to a loss.

Every effort has been made, and will continue to be made, to render these "fluid lamps" as efficient as the nature of the material used for lighting will admit.

The fluid is furnished by contract, by responsible parties, who have honorably met all their engagements, and deserve the approbation they receive; and the conduct of the contractors for ordinary repairs, equally merits the commendation of the Trust.

The total number of public lamps, January 1, 1857, lighted under the contract with Councils, was 5,574. Of these 877 are "fluid lamps" and the remainder, 4,697, are "gas lamps."

Of these "gas lamps" 835 are supplied with gas, furnished by the Northern Liberties Gas Company. 161 are furnished with gas supplied by the Germantown Gas Company, 265 are furnished with gas supplied by the Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Company, 63 are furnished with gas supplied by the Manayunk Gas Company, and the remainder, 3,373, are directly supplied with gas from the works under the Trust.

The subject of purchasing the gas works, as provided for in the ordinance of March 20, 1855, has occupied the attention, jointly, of the Engineer and Cashier, and such information furnished to the Board

of Trustees, and the Committees on Gas of the Select and Common Councils, as is believed, will enable all to act intelligently and justly. As the Committee on Gas have recently brought this subject before Councils for definite action, it is important that Councils should understand, that in the event of their authorizing the Trustees to purchase the gas works referred to, it is indispensable that ample means should be provided for their enlargement, for the extension of the mains, service-pipes, and meters, or they will prove an incubus to the Trust, if the present price of gas is to be continued.

The recent fire which occurred in the building immediately north of and adjoining our principal office, in Seventh street, subjected us for a period of some four weeks to serious inconvenience, by crowding the clerks and books into the only two remaining and uninjured rooms in the south and rear end of the building. Three hundred dollars will, doubtless, cover the loss sustained. Workmen are now engaged by the Insurance Company, on behalf of the owners of the property, in making the necessary repairs.

They have so far advanced with them that the offices are protected from the weather, and we have the use of them for the regular prosecutions of the business of the Trust.

In a short time, it is confidently believed, every repair will be completed.

It is proper to say, that notwithstanding the inconvenience to which we were so unexpectedly subjected, the business of the office was not suspended.

The new office, provided by the Trust, in the rear of the building, answers every expectation, and is creditable to the liberality of the Trustees.

On the night of the 9th instant, some evil disposed person, by means of false keys, opened the fire-proof safe in the gas office in the Fifteenth Ward, and abstracted \$733 06-100, being a portion of the receipts of that day. The Mayor of the City was immediately put in possession of all the facts, and from the measures adopted by him, there is strong reason for be-

lieving that the offender will be speedily apprehended and brought to justice.

The private watchman belonging to the office, has, unfortunately disappeared since the robbery occurred. His place has been temporarily supplied by a trustworthy man, employed in the office, until a permanent appointment shall be made.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN WIEGAND, *Cashier.*

CASH ACCOUNT.

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Balance, January 1st, 1856,	\$77,178 04
<i>Receipts in 1856.</i>	
Sales of Gas,	862,270 63
" Coke, Tar, Lime, &c.,	35,200 71
" City Warrants,	21,406 35
Interest on Loan 9, held for Sinking Fund,	4,260 00
" City Loans " "	2,725 00
" Sales of Loan 9,	291 25
Certificate of City Loan, paid,	300 00
Sales of Loan 9,	278,500 00
Temporary Loans,	166,211 16
Extra Service Pipes and Meter Cocks,	16,671 15
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	\$1,465,014 29

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Payments in 1856.

For the construction and enlargement of the works,	\$101,950 45
Extension of the Street Mains,	29,255 88
Service Pipes and Meters,	66,992 60
Coal and other materials used in the ma- nufacture of Gas, wages of work- men, &c.,	477,425 45
Repairs of the Works, Street Mains, &c.,	95,384 35
Incidental expenses, Salaries and Services of Clerks,	102,185 14
Temporary Loans paid,	263,949 32
Interest on Temporary Loans,	1,413 52
Discount on City Warrants,	7,100 38
Interest on Loans,	48,646 50
Investments for the Sinking Fund,	143,012 63
City Treasurer, for Interest on Loan, for \$450,000, per Ordinance of March 20, 1855,	59,505 00
City Warrants,	52 45
Balance on hand, January 1, 1857,	68,140 62
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	\$1,465,014 29

STATE OF THE WORKS, JANUARY 1st, 1857.—*Assets.*

Works,	\$1,114,819 79
Street Mains,	636,618 27
Service Pipes and Meters,	359,564 58
Public Lamps,	11,814 02
Cash,	68,140 62
Suspended Debt,	11,049 88
Stocks belonging to the Sinking Fund,	705,441 63
Coal on hand,	189,546 75
Coke on hand,	8,400 00
Rosin on hand,	3,360 00
Wood on hand,	1,500 00
Due for Gas sold, delivered, and on hand,	156,395 20
Due for Coke, Tar, &c.,	7,000 00
Interest on City Loans, due Jan. 1, 1857,	1,364 00
Wharf Lot on the Schuylkill,	6,900 00
Site of the new Gas Works,	36,957 69
Spring Garden Gas Works,	300,000 00
Moyamensing Gas Works,	80,000 00
West Philadelphia Gas Works,	50,000 00
Frankford Gas Works,	20,000 00
Stocks belonging to the Sinking Fund, in the hands of the City Treasurer, as per Ordinance of March 20, 1855,	18,900 00
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	\$3,786,872 43

Liabilities.

Loans 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, \$1,370,000 00	
Loan 9,	410,200 00—1,780,200 00
Dividends unpaid,	405 00
Int. on Loans, including that due Jan. 1857,	27,527 45
For Coals, Repairs and Materials used in the manufacture of Gas,	279,310 63
Sinking Fund,	797,290 70
Sinking Fund, per Ord. of Mar. 20, 1855,	18,900 00
Contingent Fund,	378,477 62
Profit and Loss (am't of Suspended Debt),	11,049 88
City of Philadelphia, for works taken, as per Ordinance of March 20, 1855,	450,000 00
Temporary Loans,	43,711 15
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	\$3,786,872 43

STATEMENT OF THE SINKING FUND.

1856—Jan. 1, Amount of Sinking Fund,	\$705,320	20
June 30, Six months' interest on \$402,000		
Gas Loans, at 6 per cent.,	12,060	00
Six months' interest on 93,900		
Gas Loans, at 5 per cent.,	2,347	50
Six months' interest on 8,500		
City Loans, at 6 per cent.,	255	00
Six months' interest on 44,300		
City Loans, at 5 per cent.,	1,107	50
Six months' interest on 142,000,		
the amount taken for this		
Fund in the 6 per cent. Gas		
Loan, No. 9, issued by the		
City Treasurer,	4,260	00
Six months' appropriation of 2		
per cent. per annum, on		
475,000, Loans 1, 2 and 3,	4,750	00
Of 3 per cent. per annum, on		
125,000, Loan 4,	1,875	00
Of 4 per cent. per annum, on		
770,000, Loans 5, 6, 7 and 8,	15,400	00
Of 2 per cent. per annum, on		
377,300, Loan 9,	3,773	00
Dec. 31, Six months' interest on 402,800		
Gas Loans, at 6 per cent.,	12,084	00
Six months' interest on 93,900		
Gas Loans, at 5 per cent.,	2,347	50
Six months' interest on 8,800		
City Loans, at 6 per cent.,	264	00
Six months' interest on 44,000		
City Loans, at 5 per cent.,	1,100	00
Six months' interest on 142,000,		
the amount taken for this		
Fund, in the 6 per cent. Gas		
Loan, No. 9, issued by the		
City Treasurer,	4,260	00
Six months' appropriation of 2		
per cent. per annum, on		
475,000, Loans 1, 2 and 3,	4,750	00
Amount carried forward,	\$775,953	70

Amount brought forward,	\$775,953 70
Of 3 per cent. per annum, on 125,000, Loan 4,	1,875 00
Of 4 per cent. per annum, on 770,000, Loans 5, 6, 7 and 8,	15,400 00
Of 2 per cent. per annum, on 406,200, Loan 9,	4,062 00
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	\$797,290 70
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The amount invested is as follows:—
1856.

Jan. 1.	Cost of investments to this date,	\$562,729 00
Feb. 9.	For certificate of Loan 9, taken as an investment,	142,000 00
Oct. 11.	Received for certificate in 5 per cent. City Loan, which be- came due 1st July, \$300 00	
	Bought certificate for \$300, in 6 per cent. City Loan, cost	270 38
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		29 62
Nov. 14.	Bought certificate of Gas Loan, for \$300, redeemable in 1862, cost	279 75
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		250 13
" 15.	Bought certificate of Gas Loan, for \$500, redeemable in 1892, cost	462 50
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		712 63
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		705,441 63
		91,849 07
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		797,290 70
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	Balance not invested,	

STATEMENT OF THE SINKING FUND,

Directed to be accumulated and applied by the City Treasurer, as per ordinance of March 20th, 1855, for the redemption of \$450,000, the estimated value of the Spring Garden, Moyamensing, West Philadelphia and Frankford Gas Works; placed in charge of the Trustees by said ordinance.

1856.

Jan. 1.	Amount not invested,	\$4,698 25
June 30.	Cash paid City Treasurer for said fund,	4,500 00
	Interest on City Loan, held for said fund,	297 00
Dec. 31.	Cash paid City Treasurer for said fund,	4,500 00
	Interest on City Loan, held for said fund,	459 00

 14,454 25

Jan. 18.	By investment in City Loan,	
	\$5,100, cost	\$4,610 25
Nov. 19.	" 100, cost	90 25
" 22.	" 5,300, cost	4,836 25

 9,536 75

1857.

Jan. 1.	Amount not invested,	4,917 50
	Aggregate of investments for this fund, \$15,300, in certificates of 6 per cent. City Loan, cost	13,982 50
	Balance not invested,	4,917 50

 \$18,900 00

CITY AND GAS LOANS BELONGING TO THE SINKING FUND,
JANUARY 1, 1857.

Five per cent. City Loans :

Redeemable in 1857,	\$2,200	
1858,	7,100	
1859,	4,000	
1861,	1,100	
1862,	1,000	
1867,	3,900	
1870,	9,700	
1871,	5,200	
1872,	7,300	
1873,	2,200	
1874,	300	
	<hr/>	\$44,000 00

Six per cent. City Loans :

Redeemable in 1876,	6,600	
1881,	600	
1888,	300	
1889,	1,300	
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Six per cent. Gas Loans :

No. 1, redeemable in 1862,	11,200	
2, 1863,	57,300	
3, 1861,	32,100	
5, 1868,	36,100	
6, 1869,	14,100	
7, 1870,	66,100	
8, 1872,	185,900	
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Five per cent. Gas Loan, No. 4, redeemable in 1866, 93,900 00

Six per cent. Gas Loan, No. 9, issued by the City Treasurer, 142,000 00

\$691,500 00

The cost of the above was \$705,441 63

STATEMENT OF THE PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR 1856.

1856.

Jan. 1.	Amount due for coals, materials and repairs, chargeable to the manufacture of gas,	\$188,948 56
Dec. 31.	Sales of gas, in 1856,	862,270 63
	“ coke, tar, lime, &c.,	35,200 71
	Interest received on sales of Loan 9,	291 25
	Stock of coal on hand,	189,546 75
	“ coke “	8,400 00
	“ rosin “	3,360 00
	“ wood “	1,500 00
	Due for coke, lime, tar, &c.,	7,000 00
	“ gas,	156,395 20
	Suspended debt,	11,049 88
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		1,463,962 98
Jan. 1.	Amount of stock on hand, and debts due to the works at this time,	255,548 70
Dec. 31.	Payments for the manufacture of gas, coal, and other materials and wages, including that of public lighting,	477,425 45
	Repairs,	95,384 35
	Incidental charges, including salaries and services of clerks,	102,185 14
	Interest on temporary loans,	1,413 52
	Discount on City Warrants,	7,100 38
	Interest on Gas Loans for the year 1856,	80,950 00
	Interest on Gas Loan 9, payable at the City Treasury,	23,505 00
	Appropriation to the Sinking Fund, as directed by ordinances,	51,885 00
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	Amount carried forward,	1,095,397 54

Amount brought forward,	1,095,397 54
Eight per cent. on \$450,000, paid to City Treasurer, as per ordinance approved March 20, 1855,	36,000 00
Due for coal, repairs and ma- terials used in the manufac- ture of gas,	279,310 63
Suspended debt, Jan. 1, 1856,	4,376 50
Balance,	48,878 31
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	1,463,962 98

The above balance of	\$48,878 31
less the sum of	6,673 38
being the increase of the suspended debt during the year, gives the nett increase of the Contingent Fund for 1856,	<hr/>
	42,204 93

STATEMENT OF THE CONTINGENT FUND, FOR 1856.

Amount of the Fund, Jan. 1, 1856,	\$336,272 69
Increase during the year, as per the Profit and Loss account,	42,204 93
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	378,477 62

The amount raised under various ordinances for the construction and enlargement of the works, and for extraordinary repairs and renewals, and for working capital, has been, to Jan. 1, 1857,

Loans 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8,	\$1,370,000
Loan 9, sold,	410,200
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	1,780,200 00
City of Philadelphia, for works, per ordinance of March 20, 1855,	450,000 00
Contingent Fund, derived from profits,	378,477 62
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	\$2,608,677 62

The amount expended has been :

Contruction of works,	\$1,114,819 79
Street mains,	636,618 27
Service pipes and meters,	359,564 58
Public lamps,	11,814 02
Wharf lot on the Schuylkill,	6,000 00
Site of the new Gas Works,	36,957 69
Spring Garden “	300,000 00
Moyamensing “	80,000 00
West Philadelphia “	50,000 00
Frankford “	20,000 00
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	\$2,615,774 35

The liabilities of the works, Jan. 1, 1857, are as follows :

Construction of works, street mains, service pipes and meters,	\$92,089 87
Coals, repairs and materials used in the manufacture of gas,	279,310 63
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	\$371,400 50

1856.

ENGINEER'S ACCOUNTS.

1856.

WORKS.		STREET MAINS.		SERVICES.	
Wages of laborers and fitters employed in erecting new Works,	\$27,851 61	Wages of Men employed in laying Mains in Streets,	\$5,857 35	Wages of Men employed in laying Pipes and setting and fitting up Meters,	\$18,561 68
Castings,	33,076 63	Pipes and Castings,	9,386 07	Meters,	24,226 21
Mason work and brick-laying,	5,395 09	Paving,	4,079 64	Tubing,	7,308 31
Bricks,	4,548 89	Lead,	3,609 68	Stop-Cocks,	6,561 48
Iron,	4,244 99	DiggingTrench	3,169 65	Services and	
Carting,	4,236 80	Carting,	1,589 30	Meters paid	
Fire Brick and Tile,	3,360 77	ShipChandlery	614 82	for and re-	
Lumber,	2,781 41	Valves,	543	turned,	2,546 29
Stone,	2,543 51	Castings,	138 39	Blankets,	2,529 53
Roofing,	2,333 09	Turning,	86 62	Paving,	2,364 21
Paints, Oils, &c.,	1,436 05	Picks&Handles	71 07	Lead Pipe,	1,283 79
Cement and Sand,	1,316 4	RepairingRoad	49 80	Lumber,	439 60
Railroad Siding,	1,192 08	Powder & Fuse	24 99	Carting,	414 60
New Office,	1,081 24	Drafting,	20	Tin and Copper,	274 53
Meters and Repairs	885	Proving Pipe,	15 50	Nails and Iron,	210 19
Tubing,	800			Solder & White	
Lime,	755 90			Lead,	151 01
Lead Pipe,	695 33			Fittings,	90 77
Coal Wagons,	500			Bricks,	30 40
Stop-Cocks,	473 29				
Chimneys,	452 71				
Hardware,	377 36				
Tin and Copper Work,	242 44				
Purifiers,	200				
Scales and Stoves,	191 62				
Hydraulic Jacks,	191 50				
Iron Borings,	101 18				
India R u b b e r					
Goods,	94 75				
Ship Chandlery, &c.	64 44				
Sundries,	526 35				
TOTAL,	\$101,950 45	TOTAL,	\$29,255 88	TOTAL,	\$66,992 60

1856.

ENGINEER'S ACCOUNTS.

1856.

GAS.	REPAIRS.	INCIDENTALS.
Wages of Stokers, etc., employed in Retort Houses & Purifying houses —manufacturing Gas and wheeling Coke, Coals, &c., Coals, Gas bought, Freight, Carting, towing, hoisting, &c., Wood, Oyster Shells, Lime, Ship Chandlery, 	Wages of Carpen- ters, blacksmiths, Bricklayers, Fit- ters & Laborers engaged in re- pairs of works, St Mains & Services, Castings, Fire-brick & Tile, Lumber, Iron and Nails, Repairs to Lamps Lamp-Posts and Lanterns, Meters, Repairs to Gas- Holders, Hardware, Oils, Paints, &c., Tubing, Shovels, Wheelwright and Coach Work, Roofing, Carting, Tin & copper work Stop-cocks and Screws, Mason Work, Cotton Waste & Packing Yarn, Bricks, Coal Wagons and Barrows, Saddlery and Harness, Ship Chandlery, Brooms, Machinist Work, Lead Pipe, Mica, Clay & Sand Leather & Belting Tools, Burners & Caps for public lamps Repairing pumps and Vice, Iron Borings, Blacksmiths coal Paving around Public Lamps, Hose and Muslin, Buckets & Baskets Stoves, Sundries, 	Wages of Clerks, Men employed in inspection of Fittings & Me- ters, and taking Statements for Bills, Storing Coals and Coke at Works, mea- suring coke, tar etc. & attending Public Lamps, Fluid filling and trimming Pub- lic Lamps, Rents, Carting & Horses P r i n t i n g, Drawing, Sta- tionery and en- graving, Alcohol, Horse Feed, Carriage Hire and Sundries for Board and Councils, Taxes and water Bituminous coal Advertising and Papers, Wagon & wheel- wright work, Paints, O i l s, Drugs, etc., Fire-proof Safe, Lumber, canvass M a t c h e s f o r Public Lamps, Ship Chandlery, Smith work and Saddlery, Reports lighting Cleaning Office in S. G., Gas Fixtures, Soap, Tallow, etc., Ice, Hardware & tools Birch Brooms, Party Wall, Office rent & fur- niture for lamp Department, Sundries,
TOTAL,	TOTAL,	TOTAL,
\$436,579 02	\$99,126 04	\$129,075 20

CITY REGISTRY.

DATE.	APPLICATIONS.	REMOVALS AND DISCONTINUANCES.	PRIVATE LIGHTS.		PUBLIC LIGHTS.		
			Added.	Total.	Streets.	Market Houses.	Squares.
1856.							
To January 1st,	47,117	24,219	100,614	283,216	3,188	76	85
January,	287	229	1573	284,789			
February,	310	262	1251	286,040			
March,	387	281	1598	287,638			
April,	637	398	2898	290,536			
May,	697	445	3054	293,590			
June,	520	333	2043	295,633			
July,	450	328	1883	297,516			
August,	481	353	2122	299,638			
September,	828	529	2899	302,537			
October,	831	495	4173	306,710	43		
November,	1,113	489	3678	310,388	35		
December,	599	352	3080	313,468	6		
Total,	7,140	4,494	30,252		84		
Brought down,	47,117	24,219	100,614		3,188	76	85
Grand Total,	54,257	28,713	130,866	313,468	3272	76	85

DATE.	SERVICES PAID.	METERS SET.										PUBLIC LAMPS.		
		3 Light.	5 Light.	10 Light.	20 Light.	30 Light.	45 Light.	60 Light.	100 Light.	150 Light.	500 Light.	On Posts.	On Walls.	Market Houses.
To January 1st,	22,123	11,313	7,169	2,508	720	172	95	33	59	1		2,509	255	76
January,	24	10	5	6	2	1		1						
February,	26	3	14	7	1				1					
March,	34	9	13	5	5	2								
April,	352	154	138	38	13	4	3	2						
May,	281	122	95	52	11			1	1					
June,	163	64	52	36	9	1	1							
July,	136	60	31	30	11	1	3							
August,	129	64	37	20	8									
September,	233	141	71	45	29	2	4	1						
October,	343	142	109	54	27	9	2		1			43		
November,	321	164	.84	47	18	1	1	1	1		4	35		
December,	221	122	49	35	10	2	1	2				6		
Total,	2,323	1,055	698	375	144	23	15	8	4		4	84		
Brought down,	22,123	11,313	7,169	2,508	720	172	95	33	59	1		2,509	255	76
Grand total,	24,446	12,368	7,867	2,883	864	195	110	41	63	1	4	2,593	255	76

MAIN PIPE LAID IN STREETS—LINEAL FEET.

1856.	1½ inch.	2 inch.	3 inch.	4 inch.	6 inch.	8 inch.	10 inch.	12 inch.	16 inch.	20 inch.	Total.
To January 1st.	426	118,138	443,100	327,961	75,595	43,862	17,475	21,776	11,133	22,633	1,082,099
January, February, March,			216								216
April,			1,711	1,143	7,065	3,834					13,753
May,			2,763	5,580							8,343
June,		302	1,492	63						500	2,357
July,			701	1,071	5		5			4	1,786
August,		306	345	81							732
September,		456	3,974	2,097	207						6,734
October,		431	3,284	3,227							6,942
November,		234	3,182	2,230	9						5,655
December,		227	2,273	1,104							3,604
Total, Brought down,	426	1,956 118,138	19,941 443,100	16,536 327,961	7,286 75,595	3,834 43,862	5 17,475	21,776	11,133	504 22,633	50,122 1,082,099
Grand total	426	120,094	463,041	344,557	82,881	47,696	17,480	21,776	11,133	23,137	1,132,221

REPAIRS OF SERVICES.

1856.	Stop-Cocks Renewed.	New Covers for Stop- Cock Boxes.	Services Renewed.	New Stop- Cock Boxes.
January, - - -	5	0	2	0
February, - - -	12	0	2	0
March, - - -	7	4	0	1
April, - - -	9	95	2	130
May, - - -	16	198	3	202
June, - - -	11	51	5	69
July, - - -	15	8	4	12
August, - - -	21	13	5	22
September, - - -	16	7	8	8
October, - - -	24	6	3	10
November, - - -	28	7	12	14
December, - - -	12	2	2	3
TOTAL, - - -	176	391	48	471

STATEMENT OF GAS

Paid for in each month of the year, made in the First, Ninth and Fifteenth Wards—
being the amount of Bills as per Meters to the first of the month.

1856.	Feet of Gas consumed at Private Houses.	Public Lamps.	Supplied to South- ward Gas Com- pany.	Supplied by Sp. G. Works.	TOTAL.
				Feet of Gas consumed at Private Houses.	
January,	28,438,440		6,018,500	4,990,400	39,447,340
February,	26,527,970			5,444,900	31,972,870
March,	31,843,700			5,162,200	37,005,900
April,	21,871,170		5,439,400	5,124,700	32,435,270
May,	19,914,900			3,760,500	23,675,400
June,	23,768,070			3,509,300	27,277,370
July,	13,777,900		3,929,000	2,953,600	20,660,500
August,	10,270,100			2,491,400	12,761,500
September,	13,020,700			2,249,000	15,269,700
October,	12,301,600		3,642,100	2,901,800	18,845,500
November,	18,472,000			4,097,000	22,569,000
December,	29,207,200	58,809,600		8,132,000	118,274,400
TOTAL,	248,813,750	58,809,600	19,029,000	50,816,800	399,594,750
Inventory of Stock of Gas delivered and on hand—					6,265,450
Spring Garden, Jan. 1, 1857,	11,136,200	City, Jan. 1, 1857,	66,185,515		
" Jan. 1, 1856,	9,911,400	" Jan. 1, 1856,	64,144,865		
	4,224,800		2,040,650		405,860,200

ANNUAL REGISTRY
OF CONSUMERS, AND PRIVATE AND PUBLIC LIGHTS.

DATE.	Applications.	Removals and Discontinuances.	Total Number of Consumers.	PRIVATE LIGHTS.		PUBLIC LIGHTS.			
				Added.	Total.	Streets.	Market Houses.	Squares.	Total.
To December 31st,									
1836,	301	24	277	2,952	2,952	165			165
1837,	497	108	666	3,862	6,814	136			301
1838,	849	174	1,241	4,288	11,102	133		62	496
1839,	946	300	1,987	5,380	16,482	162	18		676
1840,	788	382	2,393	3,317	19,799	112	1		789
1841,	874	493	2,774	4,387	24,186	13	8		810
1842,	845	541	3,078	3,054	27,240	30			840
1843,	986	635	3,429	3,418	30,658	59			899
1844,	1,000	503	3,926	4,940	35,598	195			1,094
1845,	1,147	629	4,444	5,754	41,352	112			1,206
1846,	1,465	717	5,192	8,138	49,490	96			1,302
1847,	1,869	887	6,174	12,987	62,477	84	10		1,396
1848,	1,956	1,002	7,128	13,935	76,412	21			1,417
1849,	2,191	1,180	8,139	18,050	94,462	74			1,491
1850,	2,227	1,150	9,216	20,542	115,004	72	13		1,576
1851,	2,529	1,339	10,406	21,616	136,620	124			1,700
1852,	3,004	1,747	11,663	20,550	157,170	118			1,818
1853,	3,280	1,954	12,989	25,432	182,602	87		23	1,928
1854,	2,884	1,969	13,904	18,127	200,729	27			1,955
1855,	17,479	8,485	22,898	82,487	283,216	1,368	26		3,349
1856,	7,140	4,494	25,544	30,252	313,468	84			3,433
TOTAL,	54,257	28,713		513,468		3,272	76	85	

STATEMENT OF METERS SET EACH YEAR.

DATE.	Services Paid.	METERS SET.									
		3	5	10	20	30	45	60	100	150	500
To December 31st,		light.	light.	light.	light.	light.	light.	light.	light.	light.	light.
1836,	251	108	98	31	9	2	3				
1837,	411	301	77	19	6	2	3		3		
1838,	690	442	159	61	13	9	2	1	3		
1839,	649	421	118	75	26	6	3				
1840,	350	198	78	54	13	3	2		2		
1841,	375	203	93	63	14	2					
1842,	299	157	76	57	6	3					
1843,	348	180	110	50	7	1					
1844,	503	292	129	72	5	3	1		1		
1845,	523	311	151	49	7	4		1			
1846,	761	390	237	113	14	4	2	1			
1847,	999	481	300	202	12	1	3				
1848,	971	408	333	196	25	4	3	1	1		
1849,	1,029	366	366	234	46	7	5	2	3		
1850,	1,079	435	412	165	50	8	3	3	3		
1851,	1,211	534	373	204	76	15	4	2	3		
1852,	1,261	638	334	200	60	18	7	3	1		
1853,	1,364	688	360	167	92	23	12	6	15	1	
1854,	939	470	207	127	89	29	14	2	1		
1855,	8,110	4,290	3,158	369	150	28	28	11	23		
1856,	2,323	1,055	698	375	144	23	15	8	4		4
TOTALS,	24,446	12,368	7,867	2,883	864	195	110	41	63	1	4

LENGTH OF MAINS LAID IN STREETS EACH YEAR, IN LINEAL FEET.

Date.	1½ inch.	2 inch.	3 inch.	4 inch.	6 inch.	8 inch.	10 inch.	12 inch.	16 inch.	20 inch.	Total.
1836.		2,310	15,951	10,184	4,018		9,140				41,603
1837.		3,408	13,068	4,302	6,984						27,892
1838.		150	15,660	14,409	9,036						52,502
1839.		1,704	11,629	11,997	4,419						33,475
1840.		222		576	261		3,726				2,733
1841.		204	8,874	7,137	27						16,242
1842.		324	6,831	3,483	360	774					11,772
1843.		966	32,796	16,767	1,395	1,053					52,977
1844.		30,696	38,655	23,555	2,358	3,663					99,818
1845.	426	3,240	9,360	4,725	837		891				18,588
1846.		10,734	9,855	8,442	378	2,070					31,479
1847.		4,164	9,660	2,808	900	135					14,667
1848.		1,734	7,578	3,897	1,458	477					15,144
1849.		9,630	9,117	6,724	2,934	13,284					56,202
1850.		6,666	9,513	6,345	2,718		4,266	2,619	8,073	435	25,242
1851.		11,901	18,441	10,775	720	324					42,141
1852.		18,864	19,710	14,958		1,359					61,758
1853.		7,152	3,744	3,780	414				720		23,067
1854.		678	1,026	828							2,532
1855.		3,271	202,958	173,289	36,378	16,997	3,151	8,276		8,014	452,334
1856.		1,956	19,941	16,596	7,286	3,834	5			504	50,122
Totals,	426	120,094	463,041	344,557	82,881	47,696	17,480	21,776	11,133	23,137	1,132,921

STATEMENT OF GAS DELIVERED TO PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LIGHTS TO DECEMBER 31, IN EACH YEAR,
BY THE WORKS IN THE FIRST AND NINTH WARDS.

Year.	Public Lights.	Private Lights.	Spring Garden.	Southwark.	Moyamensing.	West Philadel- phia.	Used at Offices, Shops and Works, loss by leakage, &c.	Made at Works.
1836.	978,812	4,752,740					749,748	6,481,300
1837.	1,397,687	14,454,891					1,226,122	17,078,700
1838.	3,013,546	22,366,004					1,977,450	27,357,000
1839.	6,280,654	30,658,145					2,534,201	39,473,000
1840.	8,028,818	34,874,380					2,506,802	45,410,000
1841.	10,208,180	39,648,000					1,415,820	51,272,000
1842.	13,292,000	36,596,830					922,170	50,811,000
1843.	12,985,851	34,579,900					1,324,249	48,890,000
1844.	13,608,356	40,022,800					1,152,844	54,784,000
1845.	13,373,798	46,702,800					926,402	65,003,000
1846.	19,164,106	55,219,800	163,400				906,694	75,454,000
1847.	19,122,293	68,071,600	2,507,100				1,846,007	91,547,000
1848.	19,924,700	78,921,850	6,817,000				1,109,950	106,778,000
1849.	24,524,950	96,247,100	10,713,200	2,322,800	195,800		1,505,150	135,509,000
1850.	28,482,800	131,258,400	17,650,600	3,457,800	417,900		748,500	182,016,000
1851.	35,524,625	145,114,200	7,039,800	5,279,000	1,254,700		5,629,675	200,842,000
1852.	38,306,250	162,093,100		5,927,900	2,892,400	354,600	6,641,750	216,216,000
1853.	37,406,625	191,679,750		10,458,200	5,810,700	2,765,720	1,306,005	249,427,000
1854.	40,177,874	209,334,800		14,989,200	8,304,000	6,501,800	2,916,826	282,224,000
1855.	48,049,050	209,606,065		18,099,000	7,660,600	10,386,200	6,212,085	300,013,000
Works in Fifteenth Ward, from April 1st, 1855,	10,270,300						9,850,000	2,246,581,000
Total,		27,644,100						47,764,400

STATEMENT OF GAS.

Made at all the Works managed under the Trust, and of that Delivered to Public and Private Lights, from January 1st to December 31st, 1856.

YEAR 1856.	Made at the Works in the First, Ninth and Fifteenth Wards.	GAS DELIVERED TO			Used at the Works and Offices of the Trust, and lost by leakage, &c.
		Public Lights.	Private Lights.	Southwark Gas Co.	
	434,742,000	80,935,200	304,961,250	18,992,500	29,853,050
Made in previous years,	2,294,345,400				
Total.	2,729,087,400				

The increased per centage of loss and waste of gas in the past year results from several obvious causes. One is the recent connections with the pipes in the outer wards, which are much less gas-tight than they ought to be; another, is the breakage of several large mains; and a third, the waste and blowing out the air from the large gas-holder in First Ward, when first filled, and from an unusually large quantity of street mains, into which gas was newly introduced.

APPENDIX No. 139.

REPORT OF CHIEF ENGINEER OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER OF
THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. }

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia :*

GENTLEMEN—Agreeably to the Eighth Section of the Ordinance re-organizing the Fire Department, I beg leave to report to your honorable bodies the Phoenix Hose Company, for a violation of Section 14 of the said Ordinance, in attending the fire on the evening of the 24th instant, in Franklin, near Master Street, Fourth District.

Your obedient Servant,

S. P. FEARON,

Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

January 29th, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 140.

REPORT OF STATE SAVINGS FUND.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia :*

In conformity with an Act of the Legislature, approved 27th day of March, 1854, chartering the Dime Savings of the City of Philadelphia, since changed, by authority of the Court, to the State Savings Fund, the following report is respectfully submitted.

Aggregate amount of deposits on hand,	\$95,819 97
Amount of uncalled-for accrued interest thereon,	1,802 79

\$97,622 76

GEORGE H. HART, *President.*

CHARLES G. IMLAY, *Treasurer.*

Philadelphia, January 24th, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 141.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN—The Committee on Finance respectfully report “An Ordinance to make an Appropriation to the Department of Surveys and Regulations, for the year 1857,” and ask its adoption.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
ABRAHAM BAKER.
THOMAS CRAVEN,
ROBERT KERSHAW.

Jan. 29, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an Appropriation to the Department of Surveys, for the year
Eighteen Hundred and Fifty-seven.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, do ordain, that the sum of thirty-one thousand five hundred and ninety-four dollars and fifty cents be and the same is hereby appropriated to the Department of Surveys, for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, namely:

Item 1. For the payment of the Chief Engineer and Surveyor, three thousand dollars,	\$3,000 00
2. For the payment of twelve district Surveyors and Regulators, six thousand dollars,	6,000 00
3. For the payment of the Recording Clerk, eight hundred dollars,	800 00
4. For the payment of Draftsmen, eight hundred dollars,	800 00
5. For the payment of the Messenger, five hundred dollars,	500 00
6. For Stationery, two hundred and fifty dollars,	250 00
7. For Record Books and Blanks, one hundred and twenty-five dollars,	125 00

8. For Advertising, Carriage Hire, Office Expenses and Incidentals, six hundred and twenty-five dols.	625 00
9. For continuing the Survey of Pas- syunk Township, in the First Sur- vey District, as directed by Act of Assembly, March 29th, 1850, and Supplement, April 18, 1853, one thousand dollars,	1,000 00
10. For Curb Regulations for said Sur- vey, seven hundred and fifty dollars,	750 00
11. For continuing the Survey in Pas- syunk Township, in the Second Survey District, as directed by Act of Assembly of March 29th, 1850, and Supplement of April 18th, 1853, one thousand dollars,	1,000 00
12. For Curb Regulations for said Sur- vey, seven hundred and fifty dollars,	750 00
13. For Grade Regulations South of Eric Avenue, in the Eighth Sur- vey District, as directed by Or- dinance of 15th August, 1855, eighteen hundred dollars,	1,800 00
14. For adjustment of lines of Second Division of Twenty-first Ward, to correspond with the plotting of the late Borough of German- town, seven hundred and fifty dollars,	750 00
15. For Plan of Township-line Road, fixing width at fifty feet, forty dollars,	40 00
16. For Revision of Grades in Mana- yunk, four hundred dollars,	400 00
17. For Re-Survey and adjustment of Grades in Twenty-second Ward, as directed by Resolution of Council April 17th, 1856, eigh- teen hundred dollars,	1,800 00

18. For Surveying required in Ninth Survey District, five hundred dollars,	500 00
19. For arranging Street Lines and Curb Heights in Frankford, Bridesburg and White Hall, as directed by Ordinance, August 15th, 1855, six hundred dollars,	600 00
20. For Surveying required in Tenth Survey District, one thousand dollars,	1,000 00
21. For Work required in the late District of Belmont, five hundred dollars,	500 00
22. For Plan of First Section of King- sessing, ninety dollars,	90 00
23. For Work required in Kings- sessing in 1857, five hundred dol- lars,	500 00
24. For Work on Plans connecting West Philadelphia and King- sessing, three hundred dollars,	300 00
25. For Plans of Section of Blockley required in 1857, three hundred and fifty dollars,	350 00
26. For Land Marks required in 1857, seven hundred and fifty dollars,	750 00
27. For Work done in 1854, in the District of Passyunk, six hun- dred and fourteen dollars and fifty cents,	614 50
28. For obtaining position and size of Culverts, and for information re- lative to drainage, one thousand dollars,	1,000 00
29. For Work that may be ordered by Councils during the year 1857, five thousand dollars,	5,000 00

SECTION 2, Warrants for the said Appropriation shall be drawn in conformity with existing ordinances.

APPENDIX No. 142.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN—The Committee on Finance of Common Council to whom was referred the bill from Select Council, entitled “An Ordinance to make an appropriation to pay certain claims against the City,” report the same, and respectfully ask its adoption, with the following amendments, to wit: Add items Nos. 6, 7, 8 and 9, and amend the 1st section, by striking out “four hundred and seventy-nine dollars and thirty-two cents,” and inserting in lieu thereof “twelve hundred and thirty-six dollars and seventy-six cents.”

CHARLES V. HAGNER,	} Committee.
ABRAHAM BAKER,	
ROBERT KERSHAW,	
THOMAS CRAVEN,	

APPENDIX NO. 143.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN—The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred an ordinance from Select Council, to make an appropriation to the “Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers and Cleaning the City for the year 1857,” respectfully report the same with amendments.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
 ABRAHAM BAKER,
 ROBERT KERSHAW,
 THOMAS CRAVEN.

Jan. 29th, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an Appropriation to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers and Cleansing the City, for the year Eighteen Hundred and Fifty-seven.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of Three hundred and sixty-seven thousand five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to the Department of Highways, Bridges, Sewers, and Cleansing the City, for the year hundred and fifty-seven, for the following purposes, namely:

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| 1. For the paving of the intersections of streets, sixteen thousand dollars, | \$16,000 00 |
| 2. For repairing and re - paving streets, one hundred thousand dollars, | 100,000 00 |
| 3. For grading streets and roads, twenty-five thousand dollars, | 25,000 00 |
| 4. For repairing roads and unpaved streets, thirty-five thousand dollars, | 35,000 00 |
| 5. For paving footways, five thousand dollars, | 5,000 00 |
| 6. For repairs to culverts and inlets, fifteen thousand dollars, | 15,000 00 |
| 7. For repairing bridges, twelve thousand dollars, | 12,000 00 |
| 8. For cleansing streets and market houses, sixty thousand dollars, | 60,000 00 |
| 9. For cleansing and repairing unpaved streets, ten thousand dollars, | 10,000 00 |
| 10. For repairs and labor on City Railroad, five thousand dollars, | 5,000 00 |
| 11. For wells and pumps and repairs thereto, two thousand dollars, | 2,000 00 |

For Salaries of the Officers of the Department as follows :

12. Chief Commissioner, two Assistant Commissioners, License Clerk, Miscellaneous Clerk, Superintendent of City Railroad, Mes-

	senger, Watchmen at the Permanent and Girard Avenue Bridges, nine thousand dollars,	9,000 00
13.	For salaries of Supervisors of Highways, fifteen thousand seven hundred dollars,	15,700 00
14.	For grading Girard Avenue, Twenty-fourth Ward, ten thousand dollars,	10,000 00
15.	For building wing walls to Girard Avenue bridge, Twenty-fourth Ward, six thousand five hundred dollars,	6,500 00
16.	For grading Girard Avenue, Twentieth Ward, ten thousand dollars,	10,000 00
17.	For Building wing walls to Girard Avenue bridge, Twentieth Ward, six thousand five hundred dollars,	6,500 00
18.	For constructing bridge on Girard Avenue, over Pennsylvania Avenue, fifteen thousand dollars	15,000 00
19.	For bridge over the river Schuylkill at Chesnut Street five thousand dollars,	5,000 00
20.	For printing, advertising and stationery, one thousand dollars,	1,000 00
21.	For insurance on bridge, one thousand one hundred dollars,	1,100 00
22.	For office and yard expenses, fifteen hundred dollars,	1,500 00
23.	For Incidental expenses, twelve hundred dollars,	1,200 00

SECTION 2. And to pay certain deficiencies amounting to three thousand nine hundred and ninety-six dollars and eighty-seven cents.

For the year 1854, 88 00

For the year 1855, 244 13

For the year 1856, as follows :

For paving intersections, 2,450 19

For repairing pumps, 20 00

For cleansing streets,	202 50
For printing,	10 00
For repairing City Railroad,	33 96
For repairing roads,	274 96
For repairing culverts, &c.,	334 15
For repairing streets,	69 86
For repairing unpaved streets,	33 50
For paving footways,	10 05
For repairing bridges,	7 50
For grading streets,	131 73
For salaries,	83 34
For incidentals,	3 00
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	\$3,996 87

SECTION 3. That no part of items 3, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, as contained in the first Section of this Ordinance, shall be expended, unless by special authority of City Councils.

APPENDIX No. 144.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Highways, &c., have had under consideration the annexed “Bill,” entitled “A Supplement to the Ordinance to regulate the manner of paving the streets in the City of Philadelphia, approved May 3, 1855,” and report the same, and recommend its adoption.

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
 J. G. SORVER,
 WM. ELLIOTT,
 JOHN M. FORD,
 CHAS. F. ISEMINER.

Jan. 22, 1857.

A SUPPLEMENT

To the Ordinance to Regulate the manner of Paving the Streets in the City of Philadelphia, approved May 3, 1855.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That whenever Councils shall authorize the paving of the cartway of any street, it shall be lawful for the Department of Highways to proceed to grade the same, *Provided*, That when the cost of such grading on any one square or block shall exceed the sum of two hundred dollars, the same shall not be done until directed by a resolution of Councils.

SECTION 2. Whenever Councils shall authorize or direct the paving of the cartway of any street, it shall be the duty of the Chief Commissioner of Highways, before he permits any contractor to proceed with such paving, to require such contractor to enter into an obligation, with one or more sufficient sureties, conditioned that such paving shall be done in a substantial and workman-like manner, and that such contractor will keep the pavement in good repair for the space of one year from the time the same shall be finished and opened for public use; *Provided*, the gutter of the same shall be laid with stone of a proper width.

SECTION 3. Whenever any contractor has finished the paving of any street, and the same is approved by the Highway Department, such contractor shall be authorized to collect and receive the cost of, and charge for such paving, at a rate not exceeding one dollar per square yard, from the owners of property fronting on such street, in proportion to their respective fronts; and, in filing liens for any such claims, he may use the name of the City of Philadelphia to the use of such contractor. And such contractor shall have and possess all rights and remedies by law vested in the City of Philadelphia, for the collection and recovery of claims for paving, curbing, &c.

SECTION 4. Whenever any contractor or other person shall, under the authority of Councils, or of the Highway Department, set any curb-stone, or pave or grade any foot-way, such person doing such work shall

be authorized to proceed in like manner, as set forth in the foregoing section, to collect and recover the cost of, and charge for such work according to the just value thereof, from the property in front of which such work has been done, or from the owners thereof, in proportion to their respective fronts, and for such collection and recovery shall have and possess all the remedies that are by law vested in the City of Philadelphia in that behalf.

APPENDIX No. 145.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Highways, &c., have had under consideration numerous petitions, heretofore referred to them, and thereupon they report the annexed Resolutions, to authorize the paving of certain streets therein named, and recommend their adoption.

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
JOHN M. FORD,
J. G. SORVER,
CHAS. F. ISEMINGER.

Jan. 22, 1857.

RESOLUTIONS

To Authorize the Paving of certain streets, therein named.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the owners of property, or a majority thereof, fronting on the following-named Streets, viz. :—

1. Fourth street, from Morris to Mifflin Street,

2. Lancaster Street, from Reed to Greenwich Street,
3. Church Street, from Benton's Lumber Yard to Franklin Street,
4. Church street, from Franklin to Mifflin Street,
5. Jefferson Avenue, from Greenwich to Morris Street,
6. Jefferson Avenue, from Morris to Mifflin Street,
7. Morris Street, from Jefferson Avenue to Fourth Street,
8. Watkins Street, from Fourth to Sixth Street,
9. Pearce Street, from Fourth to Sixth Street,
10. Sixth Street, from Morris to McKean Street,
11. Mifflin Street, from Fifth to Sixth Street,
12. McKean Street, from Fifth to Sixth Street, all of which said Streets are in the First Ward—
13. Summer street, from Twenty-second to Twenty-third Street, in the Tenth Ward,
14. Wallace Street, from Fifteenth to Sixteenth Street, in the Fifteenth Ward,
15. Front Street, from Harrison to Montgomery Street, in the Nineteenth Ward—are hereby authorized to pave the same ; said paving to be done in a substantial manner, with good materials, under the careful supervision of the Highway Department, and the water pipe to be laid in the said streets before the paving is begun.

Resolved, That the Highway Department is hereby authorized to grade the said Jefferson Avenue, and the said Morris street, preparatory to the said paving, and to expend in the said grading on the said Jefferson avenue a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars, and on the said Morris street, not exceeding two hundred dollars.

APPENDIX No. 146.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :—The Committee on Highways, &c., have had under consideration the petition of Major Wm. M. Evans, asking for an appropriation to pay a claim for damages done to his property, by the opening of Thirty-second Street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, and thereupon they

REPORT :

That Thirty-second Street was first laid out by a public survey made in the summer of 1854, and the plan thereof was confirmed absolutely by the Court some time in the latter part of that year. According to this plan, it was to extend from Lancaster Avenue, at its intersection with Market street, northwardly to Powelton Avenue, a distance of about 1200 feet.

For some reasons which have not been developed to the Committee, a portion of this street was, by the said plan of survey, laid out to extend on the south side of Lancaster Avenue, across the point formed by the intersection of the said avenue with Market Street. Whether this extension into Market Street was made by the Surveyor of his own volition, or at the suggestion of the judges of the Court, the Committee have not been able to ascertain, but they are of the opinion that there was not the slightest necessity for the extension of the said street south of Lancaster Avenue.

Had Thirty-second Street been laid out to cross Market Street, there might, in such case, have been a propriety in extending it across the point in question, but it is not laid out south of Market Street, nor is there any other street connecting with it there.

Nor is the street, even over the point in question, laid out on a line with that on the north side of Lancaster Avenue, the west line, where it crosses the point, being about fourteen feet east of the west line north

of the avenue, leaving a portion of the lot within the line of the street, and leaving a good sized portion of the lot of Major Evans uninjured.

The plan of survey upon which Thirty-second Street was laid out, was, as before stated, confirmed by the Court in the latter part of 1854, and it appears, from the papers submitted, that the report of the jury to assess the damage to Mr. Evans, was made on the 9th of June, 1855, showing that within a period of from six to eight months, there must have been a jury of view to report that the state of improvements in the neighborhood required the opening of the street across the point in question—their report confirmed by the Court—then a jury to assess the damage drawn—brought together—the ground viewed—damages agreed upon, and their report filed.

And all this was done, too, before any attempt was made to open any part of the street north of Lancaster Avenue—that portion having been thrown open only within a few months past.

How a jury of intelligent men, acting under oath, could have determined that there was a public necessity for opening Thirty-second street over the point of ground of Mr. Evans, while Market Street, 100 feet wide, was on one side and Lancaster Avenue, 70 feet wide on the other, and when there was no street north or south to connect with it, the Committee are at a loss to imagine, and the Committee cannot believe that an intelligent Court would have confirmed their report, except under an entire misapprehension of the facts of the case.

And the assessment of the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars damages for the property taken, seems to the Committee, to be as far above the just value thereof, and as palpably opposed to an economical public policy, as was the report of the jury of view.

The building upon the lot proposed to be taken, ought not to have cost more than two thousand dollars to erect it, and it has been built nearly twenty years. The ground cannot, with any propriety, be estimated

at a higher price than one thousand dollars—making together just two-fifths of the sum the jury have assessed.

The whole proceeding, when we consider the entire absence of necessity for a street at that point, the hurried manner in which the proceedings to open it and to assess the damage were conducted, and the extraordinary amount of damages assessed, would seem to be a well managed scheme to dispose of the property of Mr. Evans to the City of Philadelphia, at a price amounting to more than double its just value.

Mr. Evans gives as a reason why his property should be taken, that Lancaster Avenue has been widened by the plan of survey before-mentioned, to the breadth of eighty feet, which, when opened to its full width, will take away a portion of the same property; but the reply to this is, that although the avenue is laid upon the plan to be of the breadth of eighty feet, the public necessities do not require it to be opened to that breadth at the present time, nor will not probably for a quarter of a century to come. Lancaster Avenue is already curbed and paved in front of this property, and neither the house or the lot is injured or disturbed thereby, and when the avenue is actually widened, and his property is about to be taken for that purpose, it will be time enough to make a claim for damages.

Thus far, Mr. Evans has not been injured or disturbed in the occupation or enjoyment of his property. The public authorities have never touched a brick of it, and it stands to-day precisely as if Thirty-second street had never been laid out across it. His strong appeal to public sympathy, made by his printed communication, sent to each member of Councils, is therefore entirely unwarranted by the facts of the case.

The Committee being of the opinion, therefore, that the public necessities do not now, nor ever will, require the opening of Thirty-second Street over this point of ground, and that the cost and expenses of such opening would be an unwarrantable and wasteful expenditure of the money of the tax-payers, they have sketched and submit, appended to this report, a

section of an act of Assembly, vacating this portion of the street; and they also submit the resolution hereto appended, and recommend its adoption by Councils.

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
J. G. SERVER,
WM. ELLIOTT,
JOHN M. FORD,
CHAS. F. ISEMINER.

Jan. 27, 1856.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the Committee on Highways, &c., be discharged from the further consideration of the claim of Wm. M. Evans, for damages to his property, for opening Thirty-second Street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, and the Legislature be requested to pass a law vacating so much of said Thirty-second Street as crosses the point of intersection of Market Street with Lancaster Avenue.

SECTION. —. That all that portion of Thirty-second Street, laid out upon the plan but not opened, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, of the City of Philadelphia, which crosses the point formed by the intersection of Lancaster Avenue with Market Street, and lying between the said avenue and street, shall be and the same is hereby vacated.

APPENDIX No. 147.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LAW.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Law, to whom was referred the Ordinance passed by Select Council, entitled, “An Ordinance defining the Boundaries of the

Election Divisions of the Twentieth Ward," report the same as committed, and ask its adoption by the Chamber.

C. B. F. O'NEILL, *Chairman*,
CHARLES E. LEX,
WILLIAM DEAL,
HENRY T. KING.

Jan. 29, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

Defining the Boundaries of the Election Divisions of Twentieth Ward.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the several election divisions of the Twentieth Ward shall be bounded and divided as follows :

First Division—From the west side of Sixth street to the east side of Tenth street, and from the north side of Poplar to the south side of Girard Avenue.

Second Division—From the west side of Sixth street, to the east side of Tenth street, and from the north side of Girard Avenue to the south side of Master street.

Third Division—From the west side of Sixth street to the east side of Tenth street, and from the north side of Master street to the south side of Susquehanna avenue.

Fourth Division—From the west side of Tenth street to the east side of Eleventh street, and from the north side of Poplar to the south side of Master street.

Fifth Division—From the west side of Eleventh street to the east side of Broad street, and from the north side of Poplar to the south side of Girard avenue.

Sixth Division—From the west side of Eleventh street to the east side of Broad street, and from the north side of Girard Avenue to the south side of Master street.

Seventh Division—From the west side of Tenth street to the east side of Broad street, and from the

north side of Master street to the northern boundary of the Ward.

Eighth Division—From the north side of Poplar street to the south side of Montgomery street, and from the west side of Broad street to the east side of Seventeenth street.

Ninth Division—From the north side of Poplar street to the south side of Montgomery street, and from the west side of Seventeenth to the east side of Twenty-first street.

Tenth Division—From the north side of Poplar street to the south side of Montgomery street, and from the west side of Twenty-first street to the river Schuylkill.

SECTION 2. The places of voting in the several divisions, until otherwise fixed in accordance with law, shall be as follows:

The first division at the S. E. corner of Girard avenue and Tenth street.

The second division at the N. E. corner of Girard avenue and Tenth street.

The third division at the S. W. corner of Sixth and Oxford streets.

The fourth division at the S. W. corner of Lewis and Girard avenue.

The fifth division at the N. W. corner of Poplar and Kurtz streets.

The sixth division at the N. E. corner of Girard avenue and Deacon street.

The seventh division at the N. E. corner of Master and Lewis streets.

The eighth division at the S. W. corner of Thompson and Fifteenth streets.

The ninth division at the S. W. corner of Ridge road and Girard avenue.

The tenth division at the corner of Thirty-second and Thompson streets.

APPENDIX No. 148.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LAW.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN—The Committee on Law, to whom was referred the petition of E. Bender, respectfully report: That they have considered the matter, and find that Councils have heretofore established the precedent, in Peter A. Keyser's case, that the owners of property on Franklin street are chargeable only with one-half of the paving of the street in front of their property, between said fronts and the market-houses in the middle of the street, and recommend, in this case, the adoption of the following Ordinance.

C. B. F. O'NEILL, *Chairman*,
CHARLES E. LEX,
M. J. DOUGHERTY,
WM. BRADFORD,
WILLIAM DEAL,
HENRY T. KING.

Jan. 29, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To enter satisfaction on the claim of the City against E. Bender.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the City Solicitor be and he is hereby authorized to enter satisfaction upon the claim of the City of Philadelphia, against E. Bender, for paving in front of a certain lot of ground on the south side of Franklin street, between Wood street and Ash street, in said City, upon the payment of one-half of the said claim as filed, and the full cost thereon.

APPENDIX No. 149.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Claims to whom was referred the claims of Messrs. Worrell and Hibbs, the former for Carpenter work and the latter for Painting, done at the Office of Register of Wills,

REPORT :

That upon examination of said claims, the work done, if legally ordered, is charged for at least one hundred per cent. more than the same is really worth. The Committee is not surprised at that part—that being characteristic with all charges made against the City for materials furnished and labor done, and it matters not by whom. In reporting adverse to these claims, the Committee think the time has arrived in which a stop should be put to fraud in whatever shape it may appear; besides there is a moral contained in this question. Officers are elected either by the people or by Councils to perform the duties thereof. Those duties are but a secondary consideration on their parts. They say to themselves, or act at least so, "We have strove hard to obtain our situations, we consequently must realize as much as we can"; and such is the fact, irrespective of the interests of the City.

There was an ordinance passed by Councils, and approved May 17th, 1856, prohibiting the Departments of the City contracting for new work, or the purchase of materials of any kind, unless specially authorized by the same. Notwithstanding that, the City Commissioners have gone on, without authority of law—made contracts for work—ordered materials, in direct violation of the same, thus showing a recreant disposition on their part.

It is a notorious fact, that the Board of City Commissioners is now, and has been for many years, con-

sidered by the people of this city made from the last materials used for the making of mankind. That being the fact, how necessary is it that Councils should have a watchful eye upon a Department organized by such apologists from honest human nature.

According to the best information your Committee could obtain, the bills or claims in question were contracted for after the passage of the ordinance referred to. Consequently, the Committee cannot, in justice to themselves, report in favor of said claimants. By pursuing the course presented, it will have a tendency to deter others from seeking jobs or work from persons not authorized, with the view of dividing the plunder obtained from the City contrary to law; thus in effect, not only relieve the City of a large amount of fraudulent expenditure, but have a moral tendency with a certain class of our citizens, who have neglected their honest vocations to follow in the wake of dishonest officers.

The Committee, therefore, offer the following resolution :

Resolved—That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

J. G. SORVER, *Chairman*,
SAMUEL STEVENSON,
SAMUEL H. MECUTCHEN,
JOHN R. BROWNHOLTZ,
CHAS. F. ISEMINGER.

Jan. 29, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 150.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :—The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the claim of E. W. Shippen & Co., for lamp posts and lanterns furnished the District of Belmont, in 1854, under agreement with Commissioners

of said District, amounting to \$1306 22, beg leave respectfully to report that they have duly considered the same, and recommend the payment of \$1123 27, in full of said claim, provided said claimants deliver to the proper authority of the city, if (or when) required, twenty-one lamp posts and lanterns, now remaining in their possession, and ask that the same may be referred to the Committee on Finance, to embody in an ordinance for the payment of said amount to said claimants, and offer the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and the claim be referred to the Committee on Finance for the purpose named in the report.

J. G. SORVER, *Chairman*,
CHARLES F. ISEMINER,
SAMUEL STEVENSON,
SAMUEL H. MECUTCHEN,
JOHN R. BROWNHOLTZ.

Jan. 29, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 151.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee on Surveys and Regulations, to whom was referred the petition of a large number of citizens of Vine street, asking for the construction of a culvert on the line of the said street, from Nineteenth street to the river Schuylkill, beg leave to report that they have previously considered the matter, and are fully assured of the necessity of said culvert, and further, that they have already reported a resolution, (see Appendix C. C., No. 208, page 345, Oct. 1856,) asking that advertisements be published inviting proposals for its construction, which

they now ask may receive the attention of Councils. They therefore offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Surveys and Regulations be discharged from the further consideration of the subject relating to the culvert on Vine street, between Nineteenth street and the river Schuylkill.

GEORGE NORTHROP, *Chairman*,

SAMUEL P. DUTTON,

JOSEPH GEISZ,

SPENCER ROBERTS.

Jan. 29, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 153.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRINTING AND STATIONERY.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN :—The Committee of Common Council on Printing and Stationery, to whom was referred the estimates of Clerks of Councils for the appropriations to that Department, for the year 1857, have had the same under consideration, and make the following Report :

The Ordinance of 1856, appropriated to that Department \$35,000. The amount expended up to the 31st of December, 1856, was \$30,719 54. Of this amount, according to the Controller's statement, there was expended, from the 1st of January to the 12th of May, (a little over four months,) \$17,398 37, and from the 12th of May to the 31st of December, (nearly eight months of the same year,) \$13,321 17, leaving an amount unexpended of the said appropriation of \$4,280 46.

Your Committee believe, that with the rigid economy which has certainly been exhibited by the present

Clerks of Councils,—the amount of \$27,000, embodied as a substitute—now submitted—will be amply sufficient to defray all expenses of Clerks of Councils for the present year.

For amendments, see Journal, page 236.

ANDREW J. HOLMAN, *Chairman*,
WILLIAM C. KELLY,
M. C. BROWN,
W. S. WINSHIP,
WM. HORROCKS,
ROBT. V. BARBER.

Jan. 29, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 152.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHWAYS.

PHILADELPHIA, *Feb. 5, 1857.*

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia :*

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Highways, to whom was referred a communication asking for information as to what progress had been made in the numbering of houses, having referred the same to the Chief Commissioner of Highways, I would respectfully report, that, in consequence of the attention the Supervisors have had to give to other duties, imposed upon them by the ordinances of the City, they have not been able to make much progress in the numbering.

I would respectfully urge upon Councils the necessity of making a special appropriation to enable me to employ parties to carry out the provisions of the ordinance, as I am satisfied that under the present arrangement it cannot be successfully or satisfactorily attended to.

Very respectfully yours,
J. McCARTHY.

APPENDIX No. 154.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the communication of the Commissioners of Delaware county, asking the payment of a claim of \$175 40, costs and expenses incurred by said county, by reason of a certain suit, in which Jonathan Robeson and others were plaintiffs, and the Schuylkill Navigation Company defendants, originally pending in the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia, and transferred to the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware county, and there duly tried, beg leave respectfully to report, That they have duly examined and considered the same, and recommend the payment of said claim of \$175 40, and offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the same may be referred to the Committee on Finance, to embody in an ordinance for the payment of said amount to said claimants; and that the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

J. G. SORVER, *Chairman*,
SAMUEL STEVENSON,
SAMUEL H. MECUTCHEN,
CHAS. F. ISEMINER.

Feb. 5, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 155.

JOINT REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR
AND THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF HIGHWAYS.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN: The letter from R. D. Cullen, Esq., President of the Reading Railroad Company, having

just been received, the Chief Engineer and Surveyor and the Chief Commissioner of Highways, to whom was entrusted the following joint resolution, viz.:

“*Resolved*, That the Chief Engineer and Surveyor and the Chief Commissioner of Highways are hereby authorized to confer with the Managers of the Reading Railroad Company, upon the subject of the erection of a Bridge, whereby Girard avenue may pass over the Railroad, and report the result of this conference to Councils as early as practicable,”

—Beg leave to present the following

REPORT:

That, upon an examination of the locality named, we found that our first duty would be to call the attention of Councils to the necessity of a revision of the grades at and around that crossing. The plan of the Sixth Section of the Survey of the District of Penn, which covers that ground, fixes the grade of Girard avenue, at the intersection with the Railroad, on the *same level with the tracks*; and an ordinance was passed by Councils, Feb. 19, 1855, directing the grade to be adjusted to an elevation of 19.4 feet above the tracks, in accordance with an accompanying plan. This latter plan was never confirmed by the Court, and is therefore without force; consequently, in any arrangement of grades that may be required by the Department of Surveys upon that Section, the *original plan* only can be regarded; and were the ordinance in force, we should be compelled to ask a revision, as the elevation there fixed is deemed by us insufficient for the character of bridge that is desirable for that crossing.

The width of Pennsylvania avenue, upon the City plans, is fixed at one hundred feet (100 ft.), fifty feet of which (50 ft.), on the centre line, is claimed by the Reading Railroad Company, as their exclusive property, and requisite for the advantageous working of their road; and further, that a clear headway of sixteen feet (16 ft.) for, at least, forty feet (40 ft.) of that width, is indispensable. With these points in view,

as well as the necessity, for City use, of a carriage-way, at least twenty feet (20 ft.) wide, on each side of the Railroad—two plans for a bridge adapted to that crossing, have been suggested and approved by that Company—the material of which they are proposed to be constructed being iron, and the cost of each twenty-eight thousand dollars (\$28,000).

It will be perceived by the letter, that the Railroad Company offer to take charge of and construct a bridge, in conformity with either of the proposed plans, for the sum of fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000), to be paid by the City, upon its completion, and the presentation of a certificate of approval and acceptance by the Chief Engineer and Surveyor of the City; or, if the City should desire to have it constructed under their own immediate control, upon its completion, and approval by the Engineer of the Railroad Company, they will pay to the City the like amount of fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000).

Thus, the preliminary steps in the matter having been taken, we can but urge upon Councils the imperative necessity for the early construction of said bridge—a safe and direct avenue being one of the greatest requisites to that section of our City—bringing, as it necessarily must, the now useless bridge over the river Schuylkill into the active line of travel its construction intended.

Respectfully submitted.

STRICKLAND KNEASS,
Chief Engineer and Surveyor.

JOHN MCCARTHY,
Chief Commis. of Highways.

February 9, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 156.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF CITY RAILROAD.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN: Permit me to call your attention to the immediate necessity of an appropriation to defray the extra expense of labor on the City Railroad, occasioned by the late severe snow storm.

The duties entrusted to me by your honorable bodies, required of me, in this instance, prompt action.

In order that the mails should not be detained, in consequence of a blockade of snow on the City Railroad, and thereby bring censure, or perhaps some more expensive charge to the City Authorities, I was compelled to employ such force as I thought necessary to remove the snow from the railroad.

The men I engaged to do the work are all poor—some extremely so, and with families depending entirely on their labor; and I regret to say that many of their wives have daily importuned me for the amount justly due their husbands, to alleviate the wants of their families; and I have been unable to satisfy their demands, in consequence of there being no appropriation granted by Councils for such extra labor.

The amount necessary to defray these extra expenses will be about \$450, and I beg the prompt and favorable attention of your honorable bodies to the subject.

Respectfully submitted.

R. L. WEST,
Superintendent of City Railroad.

February 9, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 157.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Finance respectfully report, that there was addressed to their Chairman, unaccompanied with any communication from any one, a paper, as memorandum, with the following caption:

“Application to the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, by the Board of Guardians of the Poor, for an additional appropriation to meet the expenses of 1856.”

At the end of the paper is simply attached the name of “C. U. Schlater, Secretary.” It appears to be a list of bills, and an estimate, without details, amounting altogether to \$33,296 43. A large amount of this sum is for salaries—whether entirely connected with out-door relief, your Committee are unable to determine.

The recapitulation at the end of the “Application,” is as follows:

	Item No. 11,	\$4,163 45
(Under \$1,000.)	“ 11,	288 87
	“ 1,	8,173 16
	“ 2,	810 38
	“ 4,	624 34
	“ 6,	388 33
	“ 8,	481 55
	Poor of Manayunk,	241 20
	Daniel Smith (discount on warrants),	798 07
	Charles Murphy (discount on warrants),	599 68
Estimated expenses for the balance of the year 1856,		<hr/> \$16,727 40
Total,		<hr/> \$33,296 43

Your Committee, under these circumstances, together with the fact of these debts having been incurred without authority of law, did not append them to the General Appropriation Bill for 1857, and the paper is now respectfully reported to Council, for such action as may be deemed proper.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,

ABM. BAKER,

THOS. CRAVEN,

Feb. 12, 1857.

SAMUEL H. MECUTCHEN.

APPENDIX No. 158.

REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE TO VERIFY THE CASH ACCOUNT OF THE CITY TREASURER.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Joint Committee of Select and Common Councils, appointed in pursuance of Section 10 of the Act passed February 2, 1854, to verify the cash account of the City Treasurer,

REPORT,

That they have had several meetings at the Treasurer's office, and have examined all the books, accounts and vouchers, exhibiting the mode of keeping the moneys received for State taxes, the funds belonging to the several Trusts, and the corporate moneys of the City. The duty imposed on Councils of making a weekly examination of these accounts having been overlooked or neglected for a period of two and a half years after the re-organization of the City government, it became a question for the Committee to determine how far anterior to the time of their appointment their investigations should extend. It being evident that the principal, and perhaps only purpose of the law requiring these examinations, was to guard against any

improper uses of the public funds, by trafficking with them or otherwise, and did not contemplate an audit of the receipts and payments. As this is by the same law made one of the chief duties of the City Controller, it did not appear requisite to extend their investigations over a longer time than was sufficient to show the system or practice that had prevailed. By the ordinance of June 26th, 1854, it is provided :

“The City Treasurer shall deposit in the Bank of North America all moneys which he shall receive on account of the Girard Trusts, and his account in said bank shall be kept in his name, as City Treasurer, for the Girard Trust. And in the same bank he shall deposit all moneys received by him on account of all other trusts vested in the Corporation of the City of Philadelphia, and his accounts thereof shall be kept in his name as City Treasurer for the respective trusts; and the said Treasurer shall deposit the corporate moneys of said city in the Bank of Pennsylvania, the Girard Bank, the Bank of the Northern Liberties and Southwark Bank, in equal portions as near as may be.”

So far as relates to the trust funds of the City, the law has been strictly complied with. The balances in the Bank of North America, on the 1st of January, 1857, to the credit of the several trusts, were as follows:—

Girard Trust,	\$56,854 11
Wills Hospital,	1,027 70
Scott's Legacy of \$3,000,	481 67
Franklin's Legacy,	1,479 85
Scott's Legacy of \$4,000,	522 34
Trust created by Act of Assembly,	193 38
Paul Beck's Legacy,	541 00
Fuel Fund,	204 71
Scottin's Legacy,	12 00
Yellow Fever Fund,	59 50
E. Waters' Legacy,	2,872 69
Grover Trust,	213 46
Bernard McMahon,	54 25
Emlen's Legacy,	475 24
Controllers of Public Schools,	340 50

On the 1st of February, 1857, the balance to the credit of the Girard Trust was \$97,324 82. The other trust accounts being small, the bank books are settled but twice a year, and consequently do not show the balances at that date; though the state of each fund is always exhibited by the ledger accounts.

In reference to that part of the ordinance, which requires that the corporate moneys shall be deposited in the four banks designated, "in equal portions as near as may be," there appears to have been a non-compliance with, or misconstruction of the law, on the part of the Treasurer. The ordinance of December 11th, 1855, section 3, directs that the funds received from the loan tax of seven and a half mills on the dollar, shall be passed to a separate account, to be called the "City Debt Account," and the money included in the said account shall not be applied, under any pretence, to the payment of any claim, or to any purpose or object other than the interest, &c." Acting under the impression that the ordinance of June 26th, 1854, directing the manner of keeping the moneys belonging to, and in charge of the city, did not apply to the interest fund, which is set apart as a separate account by the ordinance of December 11th, 1855, the Treasurer, until the 1st of January last, deposited the moneys belonging to the account in but two of the banks—the Bank of Pennsylvania and the Girard Bank—instead of the four designated. This was clearly an error; for it could not have been intended, and there is certainly nothing in the language to warrant the inference that the direction to keep a separate account should supersede the requirement to deposit the "corporate moneys" in the four banks designated, "in equal portions as near as may be." On this point, however, the Treasurer has determined hereafter to adopt a practice in consonance with the views of the Committee.

Examinations of the balances exhibited by the cash book at several dates have been made. This appeared to be necessary, in order to obtain proper information of the system that had been pursued.

On the 1st day of June, 1856, the amount of the

corporate moneys, exclusive of trust funds in the custody of the Treasurer, was \$432,550 14. Of this sum, there was on deposit for general account in the several banks, as follows :—

In the Bank of Pennsylvania,	\$18,638 27
“ Girard Bank,	17,072 58
“ Bank of North America,	9,475 07
“ Southwark Bank,	8,657 35
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	\$53,843 27

And to the credit of the City Debt Account, in the Girard Bank,	\$120,000 00
To the credit of the City Debt Account, in the Bank of Pennsylvania,	180,000 00
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	\$300,000 00

On the first of September, 1856, the balance was \$61,974 79, of which there was on deposit, subject to drafts for ordinary purposes, in the four banks designated, \$13,531 80.

On the first of December, 1856, the balance was \$182,137 51, and at this date there was subject to drafts for ordinary purposes, \$35,168 87.

The whole balance, at either of these three dates, cannot be made up by adding the amounts on deposit to the credit of the “City debt account.” to the amounts subject to drafts for general purposes.

The Treasurer accounted for at least a part of the differences exhibited, by informing the Committee that it had been his custom to hold over, from day to day, considerable sums, so that he might be prepared to make payments immediately on the opening of the office, and that the sums thus held were generally larger on the last day of each month, than at other periods, in consequence of the payment of salaries due on the first day of each month.

Another portion of the difference is also accounted for by the fact that it was necessary, on several occasions, to pay judgments obtained against the City, before appropriations were made by Councils to meet such payments.

In these cases, the Treasurer was obliged to hold the vouchers, without making the charges against the City, until the warrants could be drawn according to law.

The examinations for these months having been made several weeks or months after the date of the transactions, it was impossible to ascertain whether the moneys thus paid, together with the funds thus held over, would make up the difference between the bank accounts and the cash book balances.

On the first day of January, 1857, the cash book exhibited a balance of \$731,484 47

From which deduct the amount of State
taxes included in this balance, 150,584 16

City funds, \$580,900 31

Of this amount there was on deposit in the several banks as follows:

Bank of Pennsylvania, \$54,635 42

Girard Bank, 35,760 07

Southwark Bank, 20,601 91

Bank of Northern Liberties, 71,362 02

\$182,359 42

Subject to draft for general
purposes, and to the credit
of the "City debt account"
in Girard Bank,

\$115,276 30

In Bank of Pennsylvania, 94,079 69

209,355 99

\$391,715 41

The balance of \$580,900 31 shows the apparent, but not the actual, condition of the accounts at that date, for a payment made by the Receiver of Taxes on the third of January, 1857, of \$82,812 41—being the receipts of the 31st of December, 1856, and a payment made by him after bank hours, on the last day of the year, are both included in the foregoing balance of \$580,900 31, but not in the bank balance of \$391,715 41.

To avoid, in future, the difficulty of making an ex-

act verification of the accounts from circumstances of this character, the Committee requested the Treasurer to have all his cash and bank books settled on the 1st instant, and to have all the funds in his hands deposited on the day previous.

This wish was complied with, and on the third instant the Committee had a meeting at the office of the Treasurer, when they found the bank books all settled up to the 31st of January (excepting the smaller Trust accounts). The whole amount of the balance was deposited in the four banks designated—the funds applicable to general purposes, as well as the “City debt accounts,” being divided in nearly equal amounts.

The receipts from State taxes are deposited, as a “special account,” in the Girard Bank. It has been, heretofore, the practice of the Treasurer to charge himself, in his cash accounts, but twice a year—July and January—with the receipts from this source. It will be necessary, hereafter—that the Committee may be enabled to make correct examinations of the cash balances on hand—to make these entries, and have this bank account settled, at least once in each month. This was done in January, and the balance to the credit of this account, in the Girard Bank, on the 31st of that month, was \$31,708 90.

The ordinance of January 29, 1857, directed the payment of \$190,000 of these taxes to the State Treasurer; but as \$160,000 had been paid prior to the passage of the ordinance, the sum since paid to make up the amount, was but \$30,000, leaving a balance in that fund of \$1,708 90.

The Committee deem it due to the Treasurer to state, that he has afforded them every facility in making these examinations.

GEO. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*,
SAMUEL H. MECUTCHEN,
CHARLES VANHORN,
D. S. BEIDEMAN,
EDWIN BOOTH.

February 5, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 159.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia:*

GENTLEMEN: Agreeably to the Eighth Section of the ordinance re-organizing the Fire Department, I beg leave to report to your honorable bodies the Spring Garden Engine, Union Hose, West Philadelphia Engine, Diligent Hose, Independence Engine, West Philadelphia Hose, Good Will Hose, and Mantua Hook and Ladder Companies, for a violation of Section 14th of said ordinance, in attending the fire on the afternoon of Saturday last, the 14th inst., on the west side of Beach street, above Pine, First District. Also, the Ringgold Hose Company, for attending the fire on the evening of the 14th inst., in Arch street, below Second, Second District.

Yours respectfully,

S. P. FEARON,

Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

February 16, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 160.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia:*

GENTLEMEN: I desire to call your attention to the fact, that the operations of the firemen have been much crippled of late, on account of no cordon being formed around the fire ground, in time of fire.

Complaint has been made to me by them, on account of vehicles running over and cutting their hose—and that, in many instances, they have been so crowded that, if there had been any falling of walls, their means of retreat would have been entirely cut off.

I hope, therefore, you will act promptly in the matter, and instruct your proper Committee to procure a sufficient quantity of rope, so that, in future, the Department, while performing their duties, may be free from intrusion and interruption.

Yours respectfully, .

S. P. FEARON,

Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

February 16, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 161.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Finance of Common Council, to whom was referred the amendments of Select Council to the bill No. 54 Common Council file, "To make an appropriation for furnishing gas, and lighting, extinguishing, cleansing and repairing the public lamps, and for the erection of new lamps, for the year 1857," report the same as committed, and recommend concurrence.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman,*

ABM. BAKER,

JOSHUA T. OWEN,

Feb. 16, 1857.

HENRY J. BOLLER.

APPENDIX No. 162.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Finance of Common Council respectfully report, That they have had under consideration the amendments of Select Council to the ordinance passed by Common Council, "To make an appropriation to the Department of Police, for the year 1857." Your Committee are unable to discover the propriety or utility of the proposed amendments, and have reason to believe that some of them are in violation of the Thirty-first Section of the Act of Assembly, approved May 13, 1856, as follows:

"That it shall be the duty of the City Councils, in all cases, when making appropriations, to state the items of expenditure under separate and distinct heads, for which such appropriations are intended."

The bill passed by Common Council contains the items:

For fuel,	\$1,000
For gas,	1,365

Your Committee are of opinion that these are "items of expenditure," required by the above Act of Assembly to be placed "under separate and distinct heads." The amendment of Select Council combines the two items together thus: "For fuel, gas, \$2,365." Several other of the amendments are to the same effect, decreasing the number of items contained in Common Council bill, and combining together various matters which your Committee believe the spirit, meaning and intent of the Act of Assembly referred to, require to be placed "under separate and distinct heads."

There are other objectional amendments. The item for killing dogs is increased from one to two thousand dollars—the former being the sum asked for by the department in the estimate, and about the amount expended for the same purpose in 1856. The Second

Section is amended by increasing the amount appropriated for deficiencies, for the year 1856, from \$11,964.14 to \$15,016.27—appropriating this sum in gross, without any details. The Common Council bill contains the particulars of the deficiency, as received by your Committee from the department. The objection that some of the bills enumerated are incorrect, and such as the Mayor cannot sanction, is fully met by the proviso at the end of the bill, which gives him entire control in the premises.

Your Committee report the following resolution, and ask its adoption :

Resolved, That the amendments of Select Council to the bill making an appropriation to the Department of Police, be non-concurred in.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,

JOSHUA T. OWEN,

ABM. BAKER,

Feb. 16, 1857.

SAMUEL H. MECUTCHEN.

APPENDIX NO. 163.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GAS WORKS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Gas Works present the following Report on the Public Lighting, for the year 1856 :

The ordinance “providing for lighting, extinguishing, cleansing and repairing the public lamps, approved February 16, 1856,” directs as follows :

“SECTION 4. Monthly statements of the number of public lamps in use, and of the time of introduction of all new lamps, are hereby required to be furnished by the Trustees of said Gas Works, to the Committee on Gas, which Committee shall examine said statements and report thereon to Councils.”

The contract for the lighting and care of the public lamps, made by the Mayor of the City with the Trustees of the Gas Works, as authorized by the above recited ordinance, began on the first of April, 1856. Since that time, regular monthly statements of the number and condition of the public lamps have been furnished by the Trustees, and examined by this Committee.

Bills for the lighting, repair and care of the lamps have been presented, likewise, at the end of each month, examined and their correctness duly certified by this Committee; and warrants on the City Treasurer, for the payment of the same, have been drawn by the Mayor of the City in favor of the Trustees.

The number of public lamps, for lighting the streets, lanes, alleys, courts, market sheds and Independence Square, in use on the 1st of April, 1856, was 5,475. Some lamps which were out of order, and not in use at that time, have been repaired and are now lighted; and a number of new lamps were located late in the autumn, by the Committees of Police of the Select and Common Councils, and directions for placing them were given by this Committee; but the cold weather in the month of December put a stop to the work, and only a part of it has been completed. Seventy-five lamps have been thus added since the 1st of April, 1856—making the total number in service on the 1st of January, 1857, 5,550. Of these 4,673 are lighted with gas, and 877 with camphine, or burning fluid. The use of oil lamps has been discontinued.

The sum of \$225,000 was appropriated for the expenses of the public lamps, in the year 1856. Warrants have been drawn against this appropriation, to the amount of \$221,561, which leaves a sum of \$3,439 unexpended.

The price, under the contract, paid for each lamp, is \$38.40 a year. \$25 of this is paid to the Gas Trust, for the gas furnished; the remainder, \$13.40, is allowed, therefore, for the lighting, extinguishing, cleansing and doing the necessary ordinary repairs. There are charges, besides, for extraordinary repairs, and for the

introduction of new lamps, which are added to the monthly bills, and included in the warrants drawn.

The public lamps are lighted and extinguished by a calendar prepared for that purpose, and regulated according to the time of the rising and setting of the sun and moon in the different months. If this calendar were strictly followed, the lamps would burn 2,400 hours in the year; but as they must be lighted on all rainy and cloudy nights, the number of hours which each lamp actually burns will reach about 3,600 hours in the year.

The burners of the lamps average a consumption of six feet per hour, which gives for a lamp 21,600 feet of gas consumed in a year. At the price charged to citizens, \$2.12 $\frac{1}{2}$ per thousand feet, the cost per lamp for gas alone would be \$45.90; whereas but \$25 is allowed by ordinance to the Gas Trust.

In the year 1855, the public lamps cost the City of Philadelphia \$286,625. They were then under the sole direction of a superintendent of public lighting, who received a salary for his own services, employed lamplighters and other men to do the work, and purchased materials and everything necessary to the business. His accounts, and the various bills he certified, were examined by the Committee, and appropriations were passed, from time to time, by the Councils, to pay them. The Committee on Gas of 1855 found this mode of doing the public lighting to be expensive and unsatisfactory, and they were of the opinion that the whole work should be done under a well-regulated system, and that it should be paid for by contract at a stipulated price. In looking for proper persons to offer a contract to, it seemed to that Committee that, having in view the best interests of the City, the Trustees of the Gas Works should undertake the whole business; and that Committee accordingly made proposals to them, which, after much negotiation, and only from a sense of duty to the City, they reluctantly accepted. This Committee have not been disappointed, nor is there any reasonable ground for dissatisfaction with the manner in which this branch of the

business of our large City is performed. In the opinion of this Committee, the lamps are kept in better order than before the present contract began, and the saving to the City in one year is \$65,064; the cost in 1855 having been \$286,625, and in 1856 only \$221,561, as stated before in this report.

It should be remembered, that if any profit on this contract is left to the Gas Trust, from their careful and economical management of this department of the public service, no individual can by any possibility receive the benefit of it; the Gas Works belong to the citizens at large, and all profit must accrue to their good.

The contract with the Trustees was made for three years, and will not expire until the 1st of January, 1859; but this Committee do not desire, nor would they recommend any change to be made in it.

PIERCE BUTLER, *Chairman*,
JOHN ALEXANDER,
WM. H. JACKSON,
ABM. BAKER,
JOHN PORTER,
D. McCLEARY.

Feb. 19, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 164.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CITY PROPERTY.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on City Property have had under consideration the matter of the sale, by the "Philosophical Society" of Pennsylvania, of a certain part of Independence Square, and report the annexed resolution in relation thereto—respectfully urging its immediate adoption.

THOS. J. ROBERTS, *Chairman*,
C. B. F. O'NEILL,
W. ELLIOTT,
D. BEVAN,
FRANCIS McMANUS,
JESSE T. VOGDES.

Feb. 19, 1857.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That our representatives in the Senate of Pennsylvania be, and they are hereby, requested to use all honorable means to defeat the passage of the bill now before them, allowing the American Philosophical Society of Pennsylvania to dispose of a certain part of Independence Square to the United States Government.

APPENDIX No. 165.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CITY PROPERTY.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The undersigned Committee on City Property have had under consideration the resolution from Select Council, authorizing the Commissioner of City Property to grant the use of the Buttonwood street Station House to the Northern Clinical Infirmary, and report the same with the recommendation that Common Council concur.

Respectfully submitted.

THOS. J. ROBERTS, *Chairman*,
FRANCIS McMANUS,
D. BEVAN,
C. B. F. O'NEILL,
WM. ELLIOTT,
JESSE T. VOGDES.

Feb. 19, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 166.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRUSTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, to whom was referred the application of

the Diligent Engine Company, to take charge of the Steam Fire Engine "Young America," respectfully report, that they have had the same under consideration, and being desirous that the Engine should be practically tested, and believing the mode proposed to be the only one in which it can be properly done, would offer the accompanying ordinance, and ask its adoption. Respectfully,

W. S. WINSHIP, *Chairman*,
ROBERT KERSHAW,
ANDREW J. BAKER,
B. F. WRIGHT.

Feb. 19, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To provide for the care and management of the Steam Fire Engine "Young America," and to make an appropriation for the same.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the Steam Fire Engine "Young America" be placed in charge of the Diligent Engine Company, under the supervision of the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, for the space of one year from the passage of this ordinance, with the use of the house in Front street, now occupied by said Engine. *Provided*, That it shall be the duty of the said company to use said Steam Engine for the extinguishment of fires in the City, and that said company shall place and keep said Steam Engine in working order. *And further provided*, That the ordinance districting the Fire Companies shall not apply to this company, so far as the use of the Steam Fire Engine is concerned.

SECTION 2. That the sum of five thousand two hundred and forty dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated to the Diligent Engine Company, for the use of the Steam Fire Engine, to be expended as follows:

For necessary repairs and alterations now required, horses, altering for stable, telegraph boxes, and for repairs during the year, two thousand and forty dollars. \$2,040 00

For the salaries of an Engineer and Assistant, two Drivers, keep of horses, horse-shoeing, fuel, &c., three thousand two hundred dollars, 3,200 00

SECTION 3. That the Superintendent of Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph be authorized to place an alarm box and dial, similar to those used in the Station Houses, in the house of the Steam Fire Engine.

SECTION 4. That the Commissioner of City Property be, and he is hereby, directed to have a sufficient portion of the building adjoining the house of the Steam Fire Engine, fitted up as a stable.

SECTION 5. That warrants for the payment of this appropriation shall be drawn by the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, after the bills shall have been examined and approved of by the Committee on Trusts and Fire Department.

SECTION 6. That all ordinances, or parts of ordinances, inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

APPENDIX No. 167.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRUSTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, to whom was referred an ordinance from Select Council, entitled "A further Supplement to an Ordinance approved January 30, 1855, entitled 'An Ordinance to re-organize the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia,'" have had the same under consideration, and recommend its adoption with the following amendments:

Strike out the words "Joint Committee," where they occur in the Second and Third Sections, and insert in lieu thereof the words "Committee on Trusts and Fire Department."

W. S. WINSHIP, *Chairman*,
B. F. WRIGHT,
ANDREW J. BAKER,
JOHN WELSH,
ROBERT KERSHAW.

Feb. 19, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 168.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRUSTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, to whom was referred the application of the Kensington Hose Company, for admittance into the Fire Department, report the following resolution, and ask its adoption:

Resolved, That the services of the Kensington Hose Company be accepted, and they be admitted into the Fire Department.

W. S. WINSHIP, *Chairman*,
B. F. WRIGHT,
ANDREW J. BAKER,
JOHN WELSH,
ROBERT KERSHAW.

Feb. 19, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 169.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRUSTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department would report the accompanying ordinance,

to correct an error in the ordinance making an appropriation to the Wills Hospital. Warrants were ordered to be drawn by the Superintendent of Trusts, instead of by the President of the Board of Managers, as is required by ordinance.

W. S. WINSHIP, *Chairman*,
ROBERT KERSHAW,
ANDREW J. BAKER,
B. F. WRIGHT,
JOHN WELSH.

Feb. 19, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To authorize the President of the Board of Managers of Wills Hospital to draw certain Warrants, instead of the Superintendent of Trusts.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the Second Section of an ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of Managers of Wills Hospital, for the use of said Hospital for the year 1857," approved February 9, 1857, be and the same is hereby repealed; and that the warrants mentioned in said Second Section shall be drawn by the President of the said Board of Managers, in the manner now provided by ordinance.

APPENDIX No. 170.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: Your Committee on Surveys and Regulations, to whom was referred the remonstrance from property owners on Richmond street, beg leave to report that they have already expressed an opinion favorable to the project objected to in the paper attached, and finding no cause for a change in that

opinion, respectfully request that the Committee may be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

GEO. NORTHROP, *Chairman*,
SPENCER ROBERTS,
CHARLES B. ROBERTS,
SAMUEL P. DUTTON.

Feb. 19, 1857.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the Committee on Surveys and Regulations be discharged from the further consideration of the remonstrance of John Da Costa and others.

APPENDIX No. 171.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: Your Committee on Surveys and Regulations, to whom was referred a message from Select Council, asking concurrence in a resolution directing the Department of Highways to issue proposals for the construction of a certain culvert on Twenty-fifth street and Pennsylvania avenue, and over Cohocksink creek, beg leave to report, that they approve of the resolution, and recommend its adoption by this Chamber, with the following amendment: That the words "in the accompanying report, for present necessities," be omitted, and the words "by the Board of Surveyors," be inserted in their place.

GEO. NORTHROP, *Chairman*,
SPENCER ROBERTS,
CHARLES B. ROBERTS,
SAMUEL P. DUTTON.

Feb. 19, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 172.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Surveys and Regulations, to whom was referred the petition of George Harding, Esq., for privilege to construct a drain on the line of Fourth street, having received a report upon the same from the Board of Surveyors, beg leave to present an ordinance authorizing the construction thereof, and respectfully ask that it may be passed.

GEORGE NORTHROP, *Chairman*,
 SPENCER ROBERTS,
 CHARLES B. ROBERTS,
 SAMUEL P. DUTTON,

Feb. 29, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To authorize the construction of a certain Culvert or Drain, on Fourth street, between Prune street and Spruce street.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the owners of property situate on the line of Fourth street, between Spruce and Prune streets, are hereby authorized to construct a drain, to commence at and intersect the culvert at the corner of Fourth and Spruce streets, to extend northwardly along Fourth street one hundred and fifty feet; to be of such form and dimensions as the Department of Surveys may prescribe, and to be constructed under the supervision of the Department of Surveys. *Provided*, Before the said drain is commenced, the parties who are hereby authorized to construct the same, shall enter into a covenant to build it at their own expense, and upon its completion, to restore the pavement to its present condition.

SECT. 2. The said drain, when completed, shall become the property of the Corporation, without condition, except that no permit or permission shall be granted to make any drain thereto, except to persons

who may have contributed to the expense of the construction thereof, before he or she shall have paid to the parties so contributing, a sum proportionable to the extent of the front of his or her property on said drain; *Provided*, a certificate of approval and acceptance thereof from the Chief Engineer and Surveyor, and a statement of the actual cost of such drain shall have been filed in the Office of the Department of Surveys. *And provided further*, That the parties so authorized, or using said drain, shall pay for the use thereof such annual charges or rents as are required by ordinance approved May 3d, 1855.

APPENDIX No. 173.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: Your Committee on Surveys and Regulations have considered the petition of Joseph Collins and others, praying that the City shall construct a certain culvert across their properties, on Moore street and Chestnut street, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, and respectfully report:

That Beaver Run, the stream complained of, is a *natural water course*, passing diagonally through the property bounded by Market and Chestnut streets and Moore and Margaret streets; that the length of culvert required is over 700 feet, and while we earnestly recommend to Council the construction of a culvert along the line of Market street, according to the general plan already projected, (which will remedy the evils complained of by your petitioners,) we would respectfully suggest that it would be extremely improper for the City to construct the culvert asked for, as it would be wholly upon private property, and for the benefit of that property alone, without offering

the general advantages which such constructions should give. The contemplated drainage, according to the plans already projected, will be of general benefit. The Committee therefore report against the granting of the prayer of the petition, and ask the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Surveys and Regulations be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Joseph Collins and others, for a culvert in Twenty-fourth Ward.

GEORGE NORTHROP, *Chairman*,
SPENCER ROBERTS,
CHARLES B. ROBERTS,
SAMUEL P. DUTTON.

Feb. 19, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 174.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAW.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN : The Committee on Law, to whom was referred the amended bill of Thomas Fletcher, late Prothonotary of the District Court, respectfully report, that they have examined the vouchers which were produced before them, and find the claim to be correct, and report the following ordinance, appropriating \$248 87 to the said Thomas Fletcher.

C. B. F. O'NEILL, *Chairman*,
HENRY T. KING,
CHARLES E. LEX,
GEORGE NORTHROP,
WM. BRADFORD.

Feb. 19, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to Thomas Fletcher.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of two hundred and forty-eight dollars and eighty-seven cents be, and the same is hereby, appropriated to Thomas Fletcher, late Prothonotary of the District Court, in full of his claim against the City of Philadelphia.

SECTION 2. That a warrant for the payment of the said appropriation shall be drawn by the City Solicitor.

APPENDIX No. 175.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MARKET HOUSES.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Market Houses, to whom was referred item three of bill from Select Council, to make an appropriation to pay certain claims against the City, beg leave to report the same as committed, and recommend its adoption by Common Council. The item is as follows:

3. To the Department of Market Houses, to meet bills left unpaid by the late Commissioner, for work done and materials furnished, as follows:

John W. Hicks, for gas-fitting, June 21, 1856,	\$16 00
Morris, Tasker & Morris, iron work, Mar. 21, '56,	16 17
D. M. Smith, lumber, April, 1856,	13 41
H. L. Powell, lumber, March 2, 1856,	78 93
Barnes & Strang, carpenter work, April 19,	132 25
Joseph Winner, plastering, April 28,	40 00
H. Snyder & Son, painting, April 2,	168 25
Charles Hubbard, painting, April 25,	210 00

W. H. Sickles, printing, June 1,	7 00
Philadelphia Daily Sun, advertising, June 16,	3 00
Trustees Philadelphia Gas Works,	58 07
Respectfully,	

NICHOLAS BROUS, *Chairman*,
 SAMUEL P. DUTTON,
 JOHN F. MASCHER,
 THOMAS DAVIS,
 WM. H. MICKLE,
 DOMINICK MURPHY.

Feb. 19, 1857.

APPENDIX NO. 176.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred a resolution from Select Council, authorizing the Controller to employ two additional Clerks, report the same with the following amendment, and recommend its adoption:

Add to the resolution, after the word "Clerks," "at the same rate of salary now paid to the assistant clerks in his office."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
 ABRAHAM BAKER,
 HENRY J. BOLLER,
 THOMAS CRAVEN.

Feb. 23, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 177.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WATER WORKS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee on Water Works respectfully report, That they, in company with the Chief Engineer of the Department, have this day visited the Fairmount Works and the reservoirs of the Delaware and Schuylkill Works, with a view to ascertain the damage done by the late freshet, and the severe frost of the present winter. They found that much injury has been done to the dam at Fairmount by the immense masses of ice carried over it by the freshet, and that the ice has also damaged the forebay; they found also, that the frost has greatly impaired the banks of the reservoirs of the Fairmount, Delaware and Schuylkill Works, and that the water has now to be kept very low to prevent further injury. The repairs necessary require immediate attention, and your committee respectfully report an ordinance, making appropriations for them as follows:—

For planking and raising the dam at Fairmount to the proper height,	\$ 2,750 00
(This is but one-half the expense. The other half is to be defrayed by the Schuylkill Navigation Company, as per agreement made by the Chief Engineer of the Water Department with that Co.)	
For other repairs to dam and repairs to forebay,	1,750 00
For repairs to reservoirs of Delaware Works,	2,000 00
“ “ Schuylkill “	1,000 00
“ “ Fairmount “	1,000 00
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	\$8,500 00

D. S. HASSINGER, *Chairman*,
 A. J. HOLMAN,
 B. F. WRIGHT,
 CHARLES E. LEX,
 JOSEPH P. FITLER.

February 26, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to the Department for Supplying the City with Water.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of eight thousand five hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated for the Department for Supplying the City with Water; the said appropriation to be used as follows:

1. For one-half the expense of planking and raising the dam at Fairmount to the proper height, the other half of said expense to be defrayed by the Schuylkill Navigation Company, two thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars.

2. For other repairs to dam and repairs to fore-bay, one thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars.

3. For repairs to reservoirs of Delaware Works, two thousand dollars.

4. For repairs to reservoirs of Schuylkill Works, one thousand dollars.

5. For repairs to reservoirs of Fairmount Works, one thousand dollars.

SECTION 2. Warrants for the payment of the said appropriation, shall be drawn by the Chief Engineer of the Water Works.

APPENDIX No. 178.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Highways, &c., have had under consideration the two resolutions from Select Council—one entitled “Resolution to authorize the Chief Commissioner of Highways to release S. H. Beamer & Co. from the terms of their contract

for cleaning the Eighth District of the City," and the other "A Resolution to direct the property owners on Cambridge street, in the Twentieth Ward, to curb and pave the footways," and they report the same as committed, and recommend their adoption.

Respectfully submitted by

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
THOS. J. ROBERTS,
J. G. SORVER,
WM. ELLIOTT,
CHAS. F. ISEMINGER,
JOHN M. FORD.

Feb. 26, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 179.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Highways, &c., have considered the resolution from Select Council, entitled "A Resolution in regard to the preservation of a record of the present numbers of the houses in the City," and thereupon report, that the passage of the same is rendered unnecessary by the adoption of the proposed arrangement by the Highway Department, whereby it is intended to preserve the old and new numbers in parallel columns, in books prepared for the purpose. They, therefore, recommend that the resolution lay upon the table.

Respectfully submitted by

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
THOS. J. ROBERTS,
J. G. SORVER,
WM. ELLIOTT,
CHARLES F. ISEMINGER,
JOHN M. FORD.

Feb. 26, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 180.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Conference, to whom was referred the amendments of Select Council to the ordinance making an appropriation to the Department of Police, respectfully report, that they have been unable to agree with the Committee of Select Council, and offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CHARLES V. HAGNER,
THOMAS CRAVEN.

Feb. 26, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 181.

REPORT OF JOINT SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE FUNERAL
OBSEQUIES TO DR. ELISHA KENT KANE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

MR. HENRY, Chairman of Joint Committee to make arrangements for the reception of the remains of Elisha Kent Kane, reported the following:

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to defray expenses that may be incurred in the reception of the remains of the late Elisha Kent Kane.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of one thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated for payment of the expenses to be incurred under the supervision of the Joint Committee of Coun-

cils, appointed February 26, 1857, for the reception of the mortal remains of the late Elisha Kent Kane, and for the appropriate ceremonials connected therewith.

SECTION 2. Warrants for the payment of the said appropriation shall be drawn by the Clerks of Councils, in the manner and form and with the requisites prescribed in existing ordinances, for the issuing of warrants for the payment of money by the City Treasurer.

APPENDIX No. 182.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee of Conference, to whom was referred, "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of the Receiver of Taxes for the year 1857," respectfully report, That they have amended the ordinance by reducing the sum total appropriation in line two, from twenty-four thousand four hundred and sixty dollars, to twenty-three thousand three hundred and sixty dollars; and also by striking out sixty-eight hundred dollars in the eleventh line, item four, and inserting fifty-one hundred dollars.

CHAS. V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
 THOMAS CRAVEN,
 ROBERT KERSHAW,
 JOHN K. GAMBLE,

Feb. 26, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 183.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee of Conference, appointed to adjust the points of difference between the two chambers in regard to the bill making appropriations to the Department of City Commissioners, would respectfully report, That they have met and agreed to submit the following, and recommend its adoption, to wit:—

SECTION 1. Second and third lines to read \$164,127 63

Item	1.	To read	\$4,390 00
"	2.	"	7,500 00
"	5.	"	6,700 00
"	9.	"	2,500 00
"	12.	"	9,150 00
"	16.	"	500 00
"	17.	"	600 00
"	31.	"	12,400 00
"	43.	"	2,000 00
"	55.	"	1,000 00

" 14. To add after the word dollars, the words "for the Interpreter to the Court and Grand Jury, four hundred dollars.

Line forty to forty-four inclusive, adhere to Common Council bill.

In Item 59, adhere to Select Council bill. Add second and third Sections as proposed by Select Council.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
ROBERT KERSHAW,
THOMAS CRAVEN.

March 2, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 184.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the ordinance from Select Council, making an appropriation to the City Commissioners, to pay Jurors, &c., for the year 1856, report the same back with the following amendments, and recommend its passage.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
ABM. BAKER,
JOSHUA T. OWEN,
THOS. CRAVEN,
SAMUEL H. MECUTCHEN.

March 5, 1857.

For payment of Seth Tennis, for making Tax Duplicates, First Ward, for the year 1856, three hundred and seventy-six dollars and fifty cents.

For payment of S. S. Kennedy, for making and Indexing Tax Duplicates, Second Ward, four hundred and eighty-six dollars and eighty-five cents.

For payment of John Orr, for making and Indexing Tax Duplicates, Fourth Ward, three hundred and sixty-seven dollars and fifty cents.

For payment of Ezekiel Pue, for making Tax Duplicates, Fifth Ward, two hundred and thirty-three dollars and seventy-five cents.

For payment of R. Garrison, for making and Indexing Tax Duplicates, Sixth Ward, four hundred and twenty-four dollars and ninety cents.

For payment of A. Ettinger, for making Tax Duplicates, Twelfth Ward, two hundred and fifty-nine dollars and twenty-five cents.

For payment of E. T. Charnley, for making and Indexing Tax Duplicates, Thirteenth Ward, four hundred and forty-three dollars and eighty cents.

For payment of C. W. Ridgway, for making and

Indexing Tax Duplicates, Fourteenth Ward, four hundred and three dollars and ninety cents.

For payment of W. H. I. Comegys, for making Tax Duplicates, Sixteenth Ward, three hundred and two dollars.

For payment of John Henson, for making and Indexing Tax Duplicates, Eighteenth Ward, three hundred and thirty-six dollars and thirty-five cents.

For payment of S. P. Carpenter, for making Tax Duplicates, Twenty-first Ward, two hundred and sixteen dollars.

For payment of C. F. Folwell, for making and Indexing Tax Duplicates, Twenty-second Ward, three hundred and thirty dollars and forty cents.

For payment to A. J. Kelly, for making and Indexing a part of Tax Duplicate, Twenty-third Ward, one hundred and ninety-three dollars and ninety cents.

For payment of James Borie, for making and Indexing the other part of Tax Duplicates, Twenty-third Ward, one hundred and fifty-nine dollars and twenty-five cents.

For payment of Levi Fort, for Indexing Tax Duplicates, Sixteenth Ward, being the balance due him, twenty-one dollars and eighty cents.

For payment of Henry W. Speel, for Indexing Tax Duplicates, First Ward, one hundred and fifty dollars and fifty cents.

For payment of John M. Reed, Esq., for professional services rendered to the late District of Kensington, two hundred and fifty dollars.

For payment of Isaac C. Bryant and others, for services rendered to the Board of Revision, viz:

Isaac C. Bryant, three hundred dollars.

J. Murray, eighty dollars.

E. Somerdyke, seventy dollars.

William C. Bryant, seventy dollars.

Charles W. Bryant, seventy dollars.

Coleman Hill & Much, Carriage Hire, sixty dollars.

For payment of E. W. Shippen & Co., for lamp-posts and lanterns furnished the late District of Belmont, eleven hundred and twenty-three dollars and twenty-seven cents.

Provided, That before payment being made, the said claimants deliver to the proper authorities of the City to receive the same, twenty-one lamp posts and lanterns now in their possession, eleven hundred and twenty-three dollars and twenty-seven cents.

For payment of John Longstreth, for copying election returns, fifty dollars.

Strike out the words "four thousand dollars and fifty cents" in the third and fourth lines in the First Section, and insert "ten thousand seven hundred and eighty dollars."

APPENDIX No. 185.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill from Select Council to make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, for the purposes therein mentioned, report the same back as committed, and recommend its reference to the Committee on Highways, and offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the bill be referred to the Committee on Highways, and that the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
ABM. BAKER,
H. J. BOLLER,
THOMAS CRAVEN.

March 5, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 186.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the petition of William Brock, for the payment of an old claim, report back the same as committed, and recommend its reference to the Committee on Claims, and offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
JOSHUA T. OWEN,
THOMAS CRAVEN,
ABM. BAKER,
SAMUEL H. MECUTCHEN.

March 5, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 187.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred a bill of F. G. Troxell, for services rendered the City, report back the same, and recommend its reference to the Committee on Claims. They offer the following resolution, and ask its adoption:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
JOSHUA T. OWEN,
ABM. BAKER,
THOS. CRAVEN,
SAMUEL H. MECUTCHEN.

March 5, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 188.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee appointed to confer with a Committee of the Select Council, on the points of disagreement between the chambers, in “an ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of the City Treasurer,” respectfully report, that a Conference has been held, and that the Committees have agreed to recommend the passage of the said ordinance as it was adopted by this chamber, with the following amendments:

Strike out items 2, 3, 4 and 6, and insert item 2, for the salaries of permanent Clerks and Officers in the Department, four thousand two hundred and fifty dollars; and make “item 5” read “item 3,” and items 7, 8 and 9 read 4, 5 and 6.

March 5, 1857. THOMAS CRAVEN, *Chairman*,
CHARLES V. HAGNER.

APPENDIX No. 189.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill from Select Council, “to provide for the payment of the claim of Henry T. Grout, of six hundred and fifty dollars, for services rendered to the District of Penn, prior to consolidation, as Solicitor of said District, report that, in their opinion, the amount is more than said Henry T. Grout is entitled to for the services performed, and have amended the bill by striking out “six hundred and fifty dollars,” and

inserting "four hundred dollars," to be in full of said claim. The Committee ask the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

J. G. SORVER, *Chairman*,
SAMUEL STEVENSON,
CHARLES F. ISEMINGER,
JOHN R. BROWNHOLTZ,
SAMUEL H. MECUTCHEN.

March 5, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 190.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the claim of E. L. Spain, respectfully report: Having examined the claim as set forth in his communication to Councils, find due the said E. L. Spain, by the City, for services rendered the former District of Richmond, as Surveyor, &c., to wit: For three months' salary, two hundred and fifty dollars; also, the sum of two hundred and twelve dollars for filing liens and the preparation of bills in the late District of Richmond, making in all four hundred and sixty-two dollars. The Committee offer the following resolution, and ask its adoption:

Resolved, That the above report be referred to the Committee on Finance, and said Committee be instructed to report an ordinance in favor of said claim, as per report, and that the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

J. G. SORVER, *Chairman*,
SAMUEL STEVENSON,
SAMUEL H. MECUTCHEN,
CHARLES F. ISEMINGER,
JOHN R. BROWNHOLTZ.

March 5, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 191.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the claim of M. and R. Thompson, for paving, report the same back as committed, and recommend its reference to the Committee on Highways, and offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

J. G. SERVER, *Chairman*,
 SAMUEL STEVENSON,
 SAMUEL H. MECUTCHEN,
 RICHARD PARKER.

March 5, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 192.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the communication of John Notman, Esq., respectfully report:

Having examined the claim set forth in the said communication, we find nothing in the same to warrant the Committee reporting in favor of said claim. The Committee offer the following resolution, and ask its adoption:

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

J. G. SERVER, *Chairman*,
 SAMUEL STEVENSON,
 CHARLES F. ISEMINER,
 JOHN R. BROWNOLTZ,
 SAMUEL H. MECUTCHEN.

March 5, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 193.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO VERIFY THE CASH ACCOUNT OF
THE CITY TREASURER.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Joint Committee to Verify the Cash Account of the City Treasurer, report:

That they held a meeting on Tuesday the 3d of March, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, at the City Treasurer's Office, and compared his cash account with the balance on hand as per ledger account, and find them correct.

SAM'L H. MECUTCHEN, *Chairman*,
CHARLES VANHORN,
E. BOOTH,
D. S. BEIDEMAN,
JOHN P. VERREE.

March 5, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 194.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ELECTION DIVISIONS OF
FIRST WARD.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Special Committee appointed under resolution of Council, to which was referred the resolution to change the boundary lines of the Seventh Division of the First Ward, and to create an additional division in said ward, and to establish a place of voting in said additional division, beg leave respectfully, to report the following ordinance, and ask its adoption.

SAMUEL LINDSAY, *Chairman*,
JOHN ALEXANDER,
CHAS. F. ISEMINGER.

March 5, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To change the boundary lines of the Seventh Division of the First Ward and create an additional Division in said Ward, and to establish a place of voting in said additional Division.

Whereas, The Seventh Division of the First Ward of the City of Philadelphia, contains more voters than any election division was contemplated to have, by the act of February 2d, 1854; therefore,

The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the Seventh Division of the First Ward shall be bounded as follows: beginning at the southwest corner of Sixteenth and South; thence along South street to Nineteenth street; thence along Nineteenth street to Prime street; thence along Prime street to Long Lane; thence along Long Lane to Franklin street; thence along Franklin street to Sixteenth street; thence along Sixteenth street to the place of beginning.

That a new election division, to be called the Ninth Division, be and the same is hereby created in said First Ward, to be bounded as follows: beginning at the southwest corner of South and Nineteenth streets; thence along Nineteenth street to Prime street; thence along Prime street to Long Lane; thence along Long Lane to Franklin street; thence along Franklin street to the River Schuylkill; thence along the River Schuylkill to South street; thence along South street to the place of beginning. And, that the voters of the said Ninth Division, shall vote at the house of Christian Hieshley, at the northwest corner of Gray's Ferry Road and Christian street.

APPENDIX No. 195.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE.

To the Select and Common Councils of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee of Conference upon the "Ordinance to make an appropriation to the De-

partment for Supplying the City with Water, for the year 1857," report: That they have agreed to recommend the bill as passed by Common Council, with certain Select Council amendments, with the following additional amendments:

Add after item 28, "Items 25, 26, 27 and 28 include oil for lighting the works." Strike out in item 42, "To pay the expenses of connecting with the water main on Thompson street, from the Fifteenth Ward," and insert "for connecting the water pipes in the Fifteenth Ward with the water main on Thompson street."

Amend Section 2, by striking out the words "and be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid."

Amend Section 3, by striking out the words "and be it further ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid."

D. S. BEIDEMAN,	} <i>Committee of</i>	
JOHN P. VERREE,		} <i>Conference.</i>
ALBERT B. ASHTON,		
THOS. CRAVEN,		
ANDREW MILLER,		

March 5, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 196.

Bill read in place by Mr. CREASE, March 5, 1857, entitled

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to the Board of Controllers of Public Schools, for the purpose of re-building or repairing the building heretofore occupied by the Levering School, in the Twenty-first Ward.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated to the Board of Controllers of the Public Schools of the First School District of Pennsylvania, for the purpose of re-building or repair-

ing the house heretofore occupied by the Levering School, in the Twenty-first Ward, the trust in said property having been vested in the City of Philadelphia by an act of Assembly approved February 13th, 1857.

SECT. 2. Warrants for the payment of the said appropriation shall be drawn in the manner and form required by existing ordinances.

APPENDIX No. 197.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee appointed to confer with a Committee of Select Council, on the ordinance making an appropriation to the Department of the City Controller, respectfully report, that a Conference has been held, and that it has been agreed by the Committee to recommend to their respective chambers, the adoption of the ordinance as it passed the Common Council, with the following amendments, viz :

Strike out items 1 and 2, and insert item 1,	
Salaries of the Controller and Chief Clerk,	
three thousand seven hundred dollars,	\$3,700 00
Strike out items 3, 4 and 6, and insert item	
2, salaries of the Assistant Clerks and Mes-	
senger, seven thousand eight hundred	
and thirty-three dollars and thirty-three	
cents,	7,833 33
Strike out item 5 and insert item 3, for tem-	
porary Clerk hire, two thousand five hun-	
dred dollars,	2,500 00
Item 7 to read item 4 ; strike out item 8 and	
insert item 5, advertising Annual State-	
ment of 1856 in two daily newspapers,	
thirteen hundred and fifty dollars,	1,350 00

Item 9 to read item 6; Item 10 to read item 7; amend the third and fourth lines by inserting sixteen thousand three hundred and eighty-three dollars and thirty-three cents, instead of thirteen thousand three hundred and sixty-six dollars and sixty-six cents.

March 5, 1857. CHARLES V. HAGNER, } Committee of
THOMAS CRAVEN, } Conference.

APPENDIX No. 198.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Finance having reported the ordinances making appropriations to the several departments for the public service for the year 1857, and they, with three exceptions, having been acted on by Councils, and become laws, it remains for your Committee to report an "ordinance to levy and fix the rate of taxes for the year 1857."

As it is desirable that such an ordinance should be acted on and passed by Councils as early as possible, your Committee have concluded not to wait longer for the final passage of the remaining ordinances. In the annexed tables and calculations, the sums appropriated in the ordinances passed by Councils are correctly stated; and in the case of those not yet adopted, the amounts of the ordinances on Common Council file are taken, which it is believed will not vary much from the result of the final action of Councils. With these preliminary observations, your Committee report, first, an account current A, showing the deficit, or balance against the City, on the 1st day of January, 1857, as follows:—

[A.]

ACCOUNT CURRENT,

Showing the Deficit or Balance against the City on the 1st of January, 1857.

Due on the 1st of January, 1857, and charge- able against the balance then in the Treas- ury, as follows:		By balance in the Treasury January 1, 1857,	\$731,488 47
Interest on Loans,	\$510,000	Tax Receiver's estimate of Outstanding Taxes that will be received in 1857, as follows:	
State Tax,	160,447 64	Registered Taxes prior to 1856,	\$ 30,000
Interest on Warrants, Sinking Fund—Gas Department,	40,000 4,500	Taxes of 1856,	400,000
Sinking Fund—Pay- ment of Loan,	7,260	Balance of \$800,000 Loan, untaken Jan. 1, 1857,	430,000 338,100
Sinking Fund—exclu- sive of the above,	34,856 95-757,064 59		
Outstanding Warr- ants—1856,	222,221 18		
1856,	581,913 47-804,134 65		
Loans due prior to Jan. 1, 1857, and unpaid,	16,825		
Interest due on Loans, prior to Jan. 1, 1857, and unpaid,	13,000		
Amount beyond \$40,- 000, which the Treas- urer estimates will be required to pay interest on Warr- ants,	7,000		
Appropriations made since the 1st Jan'y, 1857, to pay claims due prior to that date, as follows:			
To pay certain judg- ments,	5,400		
To pay City Commis- sioners,	11,471		
To pay G. M. Freeman	1,420		
To pay certain claims, Bills on File, to make appropriations for the payment of old claims, and not yet acted on, as follows:	1,236 78		
Sel. Council File, No. 22	6,640		
Do. Do. 18	650		
Com. Conn. File, No. 16	900		
Do. Do. 41	735		
Do. Do. 42	1,420		
Do. Do. 47	859		
App. to City Com. Dept.	10,780 82		
Other claims and in- debtedness prior to Jan. 1, 1857, estimated at	25,000		
Deficiencies of 1856, provided for in the Genl. Appro'n bills (See Table B),	77,861 13	Balance,	278,309 51
Deficiency of 1856 in the Dept of Poor not yet provided for in Gen. App. bill of 1857	36,000— 180,373 74		
	\$1,778,397 98		\$1,778,397 98
To Balance—being the Deficit, actual & est'd., on the 1st Jan., 1857	278,309 51		

To show the details of the sum of \$77,861 16 deficiency charged in the account current A, and for other explanatory purposes, the following table B is reported :

[B.]

Showing the amounts of the general appropriation bills, old claims and deficiencies prior to January 1, 1857, covered by them, and the nett amount appropriated to the departments for the service of the year 1857.

	On account of old claims and deficiencies prior to January 1, 1857.	Total amount of appropriations for 1857.
City Ice Boat,	\$10,000 00	\$21,000 00
Clerks of Councils,		27,300 00
Inspectors County Prison,		69,498 92
Department of Surveys,	614 50	29,794 50
Trust and Fire Department,	6,679 52	43,554 52
Gas	"	232,000 00
Law	"	17,480 00
Tax Receiver's	"	22,760 00
Highway	" 3,996 87	374,996 87
Police	" 15,016 27	408,454 27
Water	" 23,217 12	178,700 90
Markets, Wharves and Landings	" 59 88	21,030 88
City Property	"	57,327 57
City Treasury	"	10,400 00
Poor	"	224,360 00
Public Schools	" 4,277 00	483,650 00
City Commissioners	" 8,000 00	164,127 63
City Controller	"	16,383 33
Health	" 6,000 00	40,336 00
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	\$77,861 16	\$2,443,155 39
Deduct for claims prior to Jan. 1, 1857,		77,861 16

Leaving the nett amount of the appropriation to the departments for the service of the year 1857, \$2,355,294 23

Without further remarks, your committee report statement C, showing the amount of the appropriations to the various departments, and other expenditures necessary for the maintenance of the City government for the current fiscal year; and also the revenue, actual and estimated, from all sources exclusive of taxes.

[C.]

	Expenditures and appropriations.	Revenue from sources other than taxation.
Interest,	\$1,089,176 68	
Sinking Fund,	152,904 00	
Dividend, Pennsylvania		
Railroad stock,		\$340,000 00
Trustees City Ice Boat,	21,000 00	6,000 00
Expenses of Councils,	27,300 00	
Inspectors County Prison,	69,498 92	7,500 00
Department of		
Surveys,	29,794 50	
Fire,	43,554 52	
Gas,	232,000 00	59,880 00
Law,	17,480 00	40,000 00
Receiver of Taxes,	22,760 00	
Highways,	374,996 87	24,280 00
Police,	408,454 27	
Water,	178,700 90	471,000 00
Markets, Wharves and		
Landings,	21,030 88	121,872 00
City Property,	57,327 57	22,681 00
City Treasury,	10,400 00	399 20
Poor,	224,360 00	19,320 00
Public Schools,	483,650 00	30,500 00
City Commissioners,	164,127 63	
Including—		
House Refuge, \$28,000		
E. Penitentiary, 6,592		
Lun. Asylum, 1,000		
Northern Home, 1,000		
City Controller,	16,383 33	
Board of Health,	40,336 00	15,675 00
License to pawnbrokers,		2,500 00
License to sell gunpowder,		300 00
Fines and penalties,		5,700 00
Ordinance passed Common		
Council, making an ap-		
propriation to repair		
Fairmount Dam,	8,500 00	
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	\$3,693,736 07	\$1,167,607 20

Amount of expenditures and appropriations for the fiscal year 1857, as above,	\$3,693,736 07
Deduct amount of revenue, actual and estimated,	1,167,607 20
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	\$2,526,128 87

To which must be added the deficit on the 1st Jan., 1857, as per account current A, 278,809 51

Less the amount provided for in the general appropriation bills above enumerated (see table B),	77,861 16	
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Excess of expenditure, including deficit on the 1st Jan., 1857, over and above the revenue, to be provided for by taxation, \$2,727,077 22

The two following tables, D and E, are submitted for reference, and to show the details of the amounts charged in statement C for the interest on the public debt; and also the particulars of the sum of \$152,914, required by law to be paid into the Sinking Fund for the redemption of the debt.

[D.]

Showing the amount of the Funded Debt, and the interest, &c., for the year 1857.

Funded Debt.			
\$3,396,406	62	loan at 5 per cent.,	\$169,820 33
16,045,464	28	loan at 6 per cent.,	962,727 85
338,100	00	remaining to be issued on the 1st January, 1857,	
		6 per cent.,	20,286 00
		State tax of 3 mills on \$1,800,000,	5,400 00
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\$19,779,970	90	total funded debt, 1st January, 1857.	\$1,158,234 18
		Interest to be provided for,	
		Less the following—	
		5 per cent. on \$48,000 00, payable 1st Jan., 1857,	2,400 00
		6 “ “ 88,991 55, “ “ “	5,339 50
		2½ “ “ 49,000 00, maturing July 1, 1857,	1,225 00
		3 “ “ 3,100 00, “ “ “	93 00
		Interest on \$1,000,000 00, payable by the Penn- sylvania Railroad Company,	60,000 00
		Deducted,	69,057 50
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		Leaves the nett amount of interest to be provided for,	\$1,089,176 68

[E.]

Showing the details of the sum required to be paid into the Sinking Fund, for the redemption of the Funded Debt.

For \$10,000,000, as per ordinance,	\$100,000 00
Northwestern Railroad loan,	7,800 00
Certain obligations,	969 00
Road damages,	516 00
Sunbury and Erie Railroad,	12,600 00
Loan of \$1,000,000,	12,000 00
“ 800,000,	9,600 00
Loan authorized by ordinance, — 23, 1855,	429 00
Gas works,	9,000 00
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	\$152,914 00

To meet the expenditure for the year 1857, of \$2,727,077 22, as detailed in statement C, your Committee cannot recommend any other mode than an honest, bold and manly resort to taxation, be the rate what it may. The Committee is unanimously of opinion that all further resort to loans, or any other expedient, to meet the floating debt or current expenses, should now and forever cease, and that the city should no longer remain in that disgraceful and dishonorable position of repudiating, or not paying promptly her just and honest debts. The honor of every Philadelphian is concerned in this matter, and it is confidently believed that every good citizen will cheerfully bear his proportion of a *temporary* burthen, for the accomplishment of so desirable a result.

The assessed value of the real and personal estate, for the year 1857, is \$5,680,000 *less* than the amount reported by the Finance Committee of last year, for 1856. This is accounted for, in part, by the fact that the Assessors of the Ninth Ward made a mistake of *five millions*, in summing up the taxes of that ward—the error not being discovered by the City Commissioners until after the tax was levied. In addition to this, the personal estate, as returned by the City Commissioners, is \$428,417 00 *less* for 1857 than for 1856. In the Appendix to the Journal of Common Council, No. 93, page 405–6, the Committee state that:

"The assessed value of estate, real and personal, subject to taxation for City purposes, as adjusted by the Board of Revision, is as follows, to wit :

Real Estate,	\$150,170,021 00
Personal do.,	3,199,027 00
Total valuation,	<u>\$153,369,048 00."</u>

The annexed statement, F, shows the amount as reported to Councils by the City Commissioners, for the current year, and a calculation at \$2 10, the rate of tax your Committee recommend Councils to adopt :

[F.]

Assessments for 1857, as reported to Councils by the City Commissioners.

Real estate, \$144,918,430 00

Personal estate, as follows :—

Furniture,	\$2,001,295 00	
Horses and cows,	569,447 00	
Carriages,	199,868 00	
	<u>2,770,610 00</u>	

Total valuation,	147,689,040 00
which, at the rate of \$2 10, will produce	<u>\$3,101,469 00</u>

Rural property in the First, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, \$5,523,402, from which must be deducted one-third the rates, amounting to \$38,663 81

Rural property in Twenty-first and Twenty-second Wards, \$2,702,803, from which must be deducted one-third the rate, 18,919 62

And also 17½ cents, for the poor rate, 4,729 90

Property not rural in the Twenty-second Ward, \$2,151,703, from which must be deducted the poor rate, at 17½ cents, 3,765 00

Deducted from the above, 66,078 33

Revenue from a tax at the rate of \$2 10,	3,035,390 67
To which add personal tax,	25,181 00

3,060,571 67

Amount brought forward,	\$3,060,571 67
Deduct discounts and allowances, say	200,000 00
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Nett amount of revenue from a tax at \$2 10,	2,860,571 67
Excess of expenditure over revenue from all other sources, as per statement C,	2,727,077 22
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	\$133,494 45

Leaving, as above, \$133,494 45 as a contingent fund, to cover expenditures during the year, which cannot now be enumerated.

In addition to the apparent loss of revenue, by the decrease in the amount of assessments, as compared with that reported by the Finance Committee of the last City Councils, there is another considerable falling off, creating a deficiency that must now, for the *first time, be met by taxation*. The City corporation, turning aside from the simple and legitimate duties for which it was created, became identified with various railroad schemes. Heretofore, the tax-payers of the City have not felt the effects of this measure. There has been up to this year receipts from them in some shape or other, generally by deducting a portion of the amounts subscribed as each instalment became due; but these instalments are now all paid, and, with one exception, all receipts from that source are at an end. The stock held by the City in railroads is as follows:—

Pennsylvania Railroad,	\$5,000,000
Sunbury and Erie Railroad,	2,250,000
North Pennsylvania Railroad,	1,400,000
Northwestern Railroad,	750,000
Hempfield Railroad,	600,000
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	\$10,000,000

The whole amount of the funded debt of the City, on the 1st of January, 1857, (see statement D), was \$19,779,970 90. It appears, therefore, that the ten millions borrowed for railroad purposes constitutes more than one-half of the whole City debt.

The interest paid by the City annually on this \$10,000,000 is	\$600,000
It is estimated there will be received from the Pennsylvania Railroad Company 8 per cent. on \$5,000,000,	400,000
	<hr/> \$200,000

Leaving \$200,000 annual loss to the City by these investments, and if to this sum be added the amount required by law to be paid annually into the Sinking Fund for the redemption of the loans created for the purchase of these stocks, it will require an additional tax of over 16 cents on the \$100 on the assessed value of all the real estate in the City, and is now one of the principal causes for the necessity of an increase in the taxes—the result of a policy forced upon the City and Districts previous to consolidation, and for which the Councils of the Consolidated City are in no way to blame. Were it not for this, and the deficit of \$278,809 51, on the 1st of January, 1857, as per account current A, caused principally by departments running riot, incurring debts on account of the City without appropriations having been made, and in violation of law, the taxes for 1857 could have been *decreased* 20 cents in the \$100, instead of being increased that amount. This will plainly appear by the following statement:—

The amount of the assessment for 1857, (see statement F), is \$147,689,- 040. A tax at the rate of \$1 70 would produce	\$2,510,713 68
To which add personal tax,	25,000 00
	<hr/> \$2,535,713 68
The nett amount appropriated to the departments, for the service of the year 1857, (see table B), is	\$2,365,294 23
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Leaving, for discounts and contin- gencies,	\$170,419 45

On the subject of the departments incurring debts without authority of law, your Committee emphatically endorse the views contained in the report of the Finance Committee of the late City Councils, page 408 *Appendix Common Council Journal*, as follows:—

“The rate is fixed to meet the appropriations, and if the departments can exceed these, the result must be that for such excess no means are provided, or can be, after the tax bill of the year is enacted, unless a loan is resorted to for the purpose; which could only be justified by very extraordinary circumstances. And if the City is liable at all for such debts incurred, without authority of law, there will ordinarily be no provision at the Treasury to meet them; and no matter with how much care the revenue of the City may have been adjusted, so as to pay the authorized expenditures to the extent of the liability for such debts, if it exist, there must be an annual indebtedness, the amount of which cannot be foreknown or provided from the ordinary sources of revenue within the year.

“The credit of the City can neither be restored or maintained in the face of such illegal practices, and if they should be continued, all the evils of discredit, from which the public interests are still suffering, will be fastened upon us in a degree more or less aggravated.

“The same line of financial policy which forbids these unauthorized expenditures, should restrain the action of Councils (in whom the power to do otherwise no doubt resides) from making appropriations, after the bills for the service of the year have been passed; and for which, means have not been provided in the tax-bill of the year.”

Councils and their Committees, at the expense of much time and an amount of labor known only to those who have participated in it, prepare and fix the appropriation bills for the year in all their details, arrange the revenue to meet the expenditure, &c., but it is all labor in vain—utterly useless, if the departments are permitted to expend the appropriations and then

incur debts at pleasure to any extent, and Councils continue to pay them. Your Committee respectfully suggest that, inasmuch as the practice heretofore has been to pay such debts, and the claimants, therefore, have some reason to expect payment, that all those now due be paid, and that Councils take a decisive and firm stand against the payment of any such claims in future; and, by the enactment of an ordinance, or otherwise, let the departments and all interested know fairly and distinctly that such will be the case.

It is argued that there are cases of necessity when the departments are compelled to incur debts without authority of law. Such cases are rare, and can only occur in some unforeseen event—some visitation of Providence, as, for instance, an epidemic, great fire, or some accident in which prompt action is required. In any such event, no body of men in Councils would refuse, from the necessity of the case, to recognise a reasonable expenditure of money; but, even in such cases, Councils could be convened in a few hours for action. In the ordinary business of the departments, there is no excuse whatever for incurring debts beyond appropriations. No prudent head of a department but would know months before that any item of appropriation was likely to be exhausted, and would in time make the fact known to Councils, who would not, doubtless, if all were right, and there was an actual necessity for an additional appropriation, refuse to grant it. If they did, the responsibility would lie with them. Councils are by law made in a manner the custodians of the public purse, and are accountable to their constituents for its proper use, and yet the control of it is in effect taken away from them, and they are unfairly and unjustly blamed for every increase of expenditure or taxes. Your Committee have enlarged on this subject, believing it to be one of the greatest importance to the interests of the city.

According to a statement furnished the Committee by the City Controller, there was expended by the departments, for the actual service of the year 1856,

exclusive of all special appropriations and deficiencies
of former years, \$2,454,197 34

Add to this the deficit of the depart-
ments, on the 1st January, 1857,
(See account current A) 180,373 74

Actual expenditure by departments,
1856, \$2,634,571 78

Amount appropriated by ordinances for
the service of the year 1857, 2,365,294 23

Excess of expenditure by the depart-
ments in 1856, over the amount
appropriated for 1857, \$279,277 55

At the rate of tax proposed by your Committee,
\$2 10, the following calculation will show "How much
is raised for the objects, respectively, for which the
tax is voted," to wit :—

	Cents in the \$100.
Police,	28
Schools,	35
Lighting the City,	15
Poor,	17½
Highways,	25
Loan Tax,	75
Other Municipal purposes,	14½
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	\$2 10

In the estimates and calculations submitted, your
Committee have left entirely out of view the Funded
Debt, falling due July and January next, as follows :

July, 1857,	\$52,100
January, 1858,	114,050
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Total,	\$167,050

The assets in the Sinking Fund, together with the
annual payments to it, and other receipts and "accu-
mulations thereof," are believed to be sufficient to
meet the public debt as it matures in future, for which

purpose it is solemnly pledged. No additional appropriation, therefore, is necessary.

Your Committee respectfully submit the annexed ordinance "To levy and fix the rate of taxes for the year 1857.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
ABRAHAM BAKER,
HENRY J. BOLLER,
THOS. CRAVEN,
JOSHUA T. OWEN.

March 12, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To levy and fix the Rate of Taxes for the year 1857.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the City Commissioners be, and they are hereby, authorized and required forthwith to levy on the real estate, furniture, horses, cows and carriages, returned by the Assessors at the assessment made in the year 1856, situate or assessed within the City of Philadelphia (except property used for rural purposes, as hereinafter provided), a tax of two hundred and ten cents in the hundred dollars on the assessed value thereof.

SECTION 2. The said tax is to be levied for the year 1857, as one City and County tax, and is hereby voted for the following objects, respectively, for the same year, namely:

For the relief and employment of the poor, the sum of seventeen cents and one-half of a cent in the hundred dollars on the said assessed value of the said property.

For the Public Schools, the sum of thirty-five cents in the hundred dollars on the said assessed value of the said property.

For the lighting of the City, the sum of fifteen cents in the hundred dollars on the said assessed value of the said property.

For the Loan Tax, to pay interest on the funded debt and for the Sinking Fund, the sum of seventy-five cents in the hundred dollars on the said assessed value of the said property.

For the expenses of the Police, the sum of twenty-eight cents in the hundred dollars on the said assessed value of the said property.

For the care of the Public Highways, the sum of twenty-five cents in the hundred dollars on the said assessed value of the said property.

For expenses of City Departments, other than those heretofore mentioned, and for City Ice Boat, the sum of fourteen cents and one-half cent in the hundred dollars on the said assessed value of the said property.

And the said amounts are hereby declared to be appropriated for the said objects, but subject to the further directions of Councils.

SECTION 3. On all such portions of said assessed property as the said Assessors have marked "rural," but two-thirds of the said rate of taxation in the hundred dollars shall be levied as aforesaid; and no part of the tax hereinbefore set apart for the relief and employment of the poor, shall be levied on such portions of said assessed property as are situated in the districts within the Twenty-first, Twenty-second and Twenty-third Wards, where houses for the accommodation of the poor are provided, and where, by the Eighteenth Section of the Act of 2d February, 1854, it is enacted that no change shall be made without the consent of the qualified voters of the said district.

SECTION 4. It shall be the duty of the Receiver of Taxes to cause to be printed on the tax bills, the rate of taxes voted for the objects hereinbefore mentioned.

APPENDIX No. 199.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS, ETC.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Highways, &c., have had under consideration two petitions: One asking for the repaving of Gilpin street, in the Ninth

Ward, and the other for the repaving of Miller street, in the Fourteenth Ward; and thereupon they report:

That one of the Commissioners of Highways examined each of the said streets, and in both cases, reported that they needed repaving. They are both narrow streets, having a cartway wide enough only for one vehicle; and the opinion of those who are skilled in paving is, that it is most economical to pave such streets, with tramway stone for the track of the wheels.

The Committee have therefore reported the following resolution, and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted by

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
THOS. J. ROBERTS,
JOHN M. FORD,
CHAS. F. ISEMINGER,
W. ELLIOTT.

March 12, 1857.

RESOLUTION

To authorize the repaving of Gilpin Street and Miller Street.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Department of Highways is hereby authorized to proceed with the repaving of Gilpin street, in the Ninth Ward, and Miller street, from Thirteenth to Broad street, in the Fourteenth Ward; laying tramway stone in the track of the wheels, and to reduce the width of the cartway in each of the said streets, if the same be necessary, so that only one-half of such reduced width be thrown into each footway.

APPENDIX No. 200.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS, ETC.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Highways, &c., have had under consideration several petitions hitherto

referred to them from owners of property, asking permission to have certain streets paved, and they thereupon report the annexed resolution, "to authorize the paving of certain streets in the several wards therein mentioned," and submit the same, with the recommendation that it be adopted.

Respectfully submitted by

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
THOS. J. ROBERTS,
JOHN M. FORD,
CHAS. F. ISEMINGER,
WM. ELLIOTT.

March 12, 1857.

RESOLUTION

To authorize the paving of certain streets in the several Wards therein mentioned.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the owners of property or a majority thereof, fronting upon the following streets, viz: Christian street, from Sixteenth street to Gray's Ferry road; Seventh street, from Franklin to Morris street; Ninth street, from Morris street to Buck road, in the First Ward; Fairview street, from Nineteenth to Twentieth street; Twenty-third street, from Spring Garden to Coates street; Gold street, from Pennsylvania avenue to Twenty-third street; Taylor street, from Pratt to Brown street, in the Fifteenth Ward; Seventeenth street, from Ridge avenue to Girard avenue, in the Twentieth Ward, are hereby authorized to pave the same under the direction and supervision of the Department of Highways. *Provided*, That the water pipe be laid in the said streets before the paving is begun.

Resolved, That where grading is necessary on any of said streets preparatory to the paving thereof, the Department of Highways is hereby authorized to proceed with such grading in each case wherein the cost and expenses thereof will not exceed the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

APPENDIX No. 201.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PORT WARDENS, PUBLIC WHARVES
AND LANDINGS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Port Wardens, Public Wharves and Landings, to whom was referred the petition of citizens of the Eighth Ward, asking that the dock at foot of Spruce street, on the Schuylkill, be cleaned, respectfully report, they have examined into the condition of said dock, and would recommend the cleaning of the same, and offer the following resolution, and ask its adoption:

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils, That the Commissioner of Markets be, and he is hereby, authorized to have the Dock at the foot of Spruce st., on the Schuylkill, cleaned, at a cost not exceeding five hundred dollars; to be done under the supervision of the Committee on Port Wardens, Public Wharves and Landings.

WM. M. BAIRD, *Chairman*,
JOHN McMAKIN,
WILLIAM C. KELLY,
FRANCIS McMANUS,

March 12, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 202.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PORT WARDENS, PUBLIC WHARVES
AND LANDINGS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Port Wardens, Public Wharves and Landings, to whom was referred the application of Messrs. Bender & Wright, asking the right of using the end of Nicetown lane, on the

river Schuylkill, for the term of ten years, for which they will agree to pay an annual rent of ten dollars per year, and agree to erect a substantial wharf, which shall, at the expiration of said time, become the property of the City—respectfully recommend that a lease be granted, and submit the following ordinance, and would ask its adoption.

WM. M. BAIRD, *Chairman*,
JOHN McMAKIN,
WILLIAM C. KELLY,
FRANCIS McMANUS.

March 12, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To provide for leasing out the Public Landing at the end of Nicetown lane, on the river Schuylkill.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the Commissioner of Markets be, and he hereby is, authorized to rent to Bender & Wright the public landing at the end of Nicetown lane, on the river Schuylkill, for the term of ten years, at an annual rent of ten dollars, payable yearly. *Provided*, Said Bender & Wright shall in their lease agree to erect, at their own expense, a substantial wharf at said landing, under the permission, direction and supervision of the Board of Port Wardens of the City of Philadelphia, which said wharf shall, at the end of said term, be left by the said Bender & Wright, and become the exclusive property of the City of Philadelphia.

APPENDIX No. 203.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PORT WARDENS, PUBLIC WHARVES AND LANDINGS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Port Wardens, Public Wharves and Landings, to whom was referred

the application of Messrs. Vaughan & Fisher, asking that a lease be granted them, for the term of ten years, of Shackamaxon street Public Landing, conditioned upon their constructing a substantial wharf of one hundred feet beyond the present pier, and that the same shall revert to the City, at the expiration of the time—respectfully recommend that a lease be granted, and submit the following ordinance, and ask its adoption.

WM. M. BAIRD, *Chairman*,
JOHN McMAKIN,
WILLIAM C. KELLY,
FRANCIS McMANUS.

March 12, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To provide for leasing out Shackamaxon street Public Landing.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the Commissioner of Markets be, and he hereby is, authorized to lease to Vaughan & Fisher Shackamaxon street public landing, for ten years, at the rent of two hundred dollars per annum, payable quarterly, with the provision that said Vaughan & Fisher will, at their own expense, build and extend the wharf at said landing at least one hundred feet further into the river Delaware, under the permission, direction and supervision of the Board of Port Wardens of the City of Philadelphia; and that said Vaughan & Fisher shall, at the end of said term, leave the whole wharf now at said landing, and also the wharf to be built and extended as aforesaid, for the benefit and behoof and as the exclusive property of the said City of Philadelphia.

APPENDIX No. 204.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Highways, &c., to whom was referred the bill of Philip Quigley, for five thousand dollars, for building an iron truss bridge over the Philadelphia and Columbia Railroad, on the line of Girard avenue, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, thereupon respectfully report, that this bridge was constructed under one of the contracts made by the County Commissioners, in the year 1854, after the passage of the Consolidation law, but before the same went into operation. Some of the members of the Committee are of the opinion that all of those contracts are without any binding force upon the City, for the reason that they were made in defiance of a provision in the Consolidation law, which declared that none of the corporations superseded by the law, should, after its passage, make any contract or incur any expense other than was necessary to defray the ordinary expenses of government.

But, whatever opinion may be entertained as to the legality or validity of the original contract, the Committee are of the opinion that the work has been done in good faith, and the price charged is about the just value thereof.

The Chairman of the Committee addressed a note to the Chief Engineer of the Survey Department, desiring him to make an examination, to ascertain if the work and materials had been done and furnished in accordance with the terms of the contract. His communication to the Committee is herewith submitted. And in view of the fact that the work has been done in good faith for the City, and, according to the report of the Chief Engineer, is in full accordance with the terms of the contract, and inasmuch as the bridge is absolutely necessary to the complete opening of Girard

avenue, for public travel, the Committee are of the opinion that the claim ought to be paid.

There is an item in the ordinance making an appropriation to the Highway Department, for the year 1857, which appropriates ten thousand dollars for bridging and grading Girard avenue, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, out of which this sum of five thousand dollars can be paid; and the Committee submit herewith a resolution to authorize the payment of the said claim.

Respectfully submitted by

AND. MILLER, *Chairman*,
THOS. J. ROBERTS,
JOHN M. FORD,
CHAS. F. ISENINGER,
WM. ELLIOTT.

March 12, 1857.

DEPARTMENT OF SURVEYS,
Office of the Chief Engineer and Surveyor, }
February 23, 1857.

ANDREW MILLER, Esq.,

Chairman of Committee on Highways, Common Council:

DEAR SIR: In compliance with the request of your Committee, that I would examine and report upon the character and suitableness of the bridge lately erected at the intersection of Girard avenue and the Pennsylvania Railroad, as per contract executed by County Commissioners with Messrs. Leech & Quigley, of date June 9, 1854, I have to say: That I have visited the bridge in question, and have examined the contract, wherein I find no specification to govern the dimensions and proportions, other than the clause designating "Howe's Bridge, as noted on plan deposited in the office of the County Commissioners, and approved by them." This plan cannot be found, but as it is seemingly alluded to as a *general plan*, and Howe's patent cannot be mistaken, and further, as the

contractors, in its construction, have not evinced any desire to reduce its actual cost, by confining themselves to the minimum of proportions, or the cheapest general arrangement, (the price being for the aggregate,) I take the contract on its broad grounds, and state: that the bridge is constructed in accordance with the plans patented by Wm. Howe, July 10, 1840, August 3, 1840, and August 28, 1846, respectively, and is proportioned as to afford sufficient strength for the purposes intended, with a greater width than is absolutely necessary, or would be accepted by the City without question; and further, that I consider its arrangement well and appropriately adapted to the peculiar location of the intersecting avenues.

Very Respectfully,

STRICKLAND KNEASS,
Chief Engineer and Surveyor.

RESOLUTION

To authorize the payment of a claim of Philip Quigley.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways, upon being satisfied, by personal observation or otherwise, that the bridge over the Columbia Railroad, on the line of Girard avenue, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, has been finished and completed in accordance with the terms of the contract for bridging the same, is hereby authorized to draw a warrant, in favor of Philip Quigley, for the sum of five thousand dollars, in full payment for the charge of constructing said bridge. *Provided*, That the said Chief Commissioner shall also be satisfied that no other person has any claim upon the City, arising from the construction of said bridge.

APPENDIX No. 205.

STATEMENT OF CITY TREASURER.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN: In compliance with the preamble and resolution approved the 16th inst., to provide for cancelling certain certificates of five per cent. loan, being part of the Sinking Fund of the late corporation of the Board of Guardians for the relief and employment of the Poor—I have cancelled the following certificates of five per cent. loans:

No. of Certificate.	When Re- deemable.	Amount.	Total.
53	July 1, 1860	\$ 1000 00	\$20,000 00
64	“ “	11000 00	
83	“ “	8000 00	
149	“ 1865	\$1250 00	6,662 53
150	“ “	1250 00	
163	“ “	4161 60	
212	“ “	93	
11	“ 1868		8,500 00
			\$35,162 53

Together amounting to thirty-five thousand one hundred and sixty-two dollars and fifty-three cents.

Very respectfully,

F. KNOX MORTON, *City Treasurer.*

March 19, 1857.

We do hereby certify the above to be correct.

RICHARD VAUX, *Mayor of Phila.*

S. TAYLOR, *City Controller.*

APPENDIX No. 206.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Finance respectfully report the annexed ordinance to make an appropriation to pay a judgment of seven hundred and seventy-five dollars obtained against the city, by H. T. Grout, and ask its passage,

CHAS. V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
HENRY J. BOLLER,
ABM. BAKER,
SAM'L H. MECUTCHEN,
JOSHUA T. OWEN,
THOMAS CRAVEN.

March 19, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to pay the Judgment of Henry T. Grout.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated to pay the judgment obtained against the City of Philadelphia, by Henry T. Grout, in the District Court for the City and County of Philadelphia, to September Term, 1856, No. 1291.

SECTION 2. Warrants for the payment of the same shall be drawn by the City Solicitor.

APPENDIX No. 207.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Finance respectfully report an ordinance to make an appropriation of

\$7,000, to pay interest on warrants ; and also of \$300, to pay district orders and small certificates of loan issued in 1837, by the City and districts, and ask its adoption.

CHAS. V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,

HENRY J. BOLLER,

ABM. BAKER,

SAM'L H. MECUTCHEN,

JOSHUA T. OWEN,

THOMAS CRAVEN.

March 19, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to pay the interest on Outstanding Warrants, and to pay Certificates of Loan.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of seven thousand and three hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated to the Department of City Treasurer, as follows, viz: For the payment of interest on outstanding warrants, seven thousand dollars; for the payment of certain certificates of loan issued prior to the year 1840, and orders of the former municipal districts, three hundred dollars.

SECTION 2. Warrants for the payment of said appropriations, shall be drawn by the City Treasurer, in the form and manner and with the requisites set forth in existing ordinances relating to the drawing of warrants for the payment of money from the City Treasury.

APPENDIX No. 208.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GAS WORKS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Gas Works offer the following report: The petition of Barton A. Jenks, of Bridesburg, in the Twenty-third Ward, was referred to the Committee. It sets forth, that he is erecting

gas works to light his manufactory, and that some of his neighbors desire to be supplied with gas from his gas-holder, which has a greater capacity than is needed for his own use. For this reason, he asks permission to lay down mains and service-pipes at his own expense, in several of the streets of Bridesburg, and will engage to sell the said works with their appurtenances, at an appraised valuation, should they be wanted at any time hereafter for the use of the city.

Your Committee have no power whatever, to grant the request of the petitioner: that power belongs alone to the Councils. The petition is, therefore, respectfully returned to that body, with a recommendation against granting the privileges therein asked for.

PIERCE BUTLER, *Chairman*,
WM. H. JACKSON,
JOHN ALEXANDER,
ABM. BAKER.

March 19, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 209.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GAS WORKS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Gas Works offer the following report: Petitions from the citizens of Manayunk, in the Twenty-first Ward, were referred to this Committee, asking that the Works of the Manayunk Gas Company be purchased by the City, and placed under the control of the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works.

Your Committee have had an interview with the Officers of said Gas Works, and recommend to Councils to purchase them at the cost of \$65,000.

PIERCE BUTLER, *Chairman*,
WM. H. JACKSON,
JOHN ALEXANDER,
ABRAHAM BAKER.

March 19, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 210.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRUSTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, to whom was referred a resolution from Select Council, directing the Superintendent of the Fire Alarm and Police Telegraph to remove Alarm Box No. 52, at the expense of the Empire Hook and Ladder Company, report the same back as committed, and ask its adoption:

Resolved, That the Superintendent of the Fire Alarm and Police Telegraph, be directed to remove Alarm Box No. 52, from the northwest corner of Sixth and Callowhill streets to the northwest corner of Franklin and Callowhill streets. *Provided*, The Empire Hook and Ladder Company agrees to pay the expenses incident to said removal.

Respectfully,

W. S. WINSHIP, *Chairman*,
ANDREW J. BAKER,
B. F. WRIGHT,
JOHN WELSH.

March 19, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 211.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRUSTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department report, that Warrant No. 449, drawn in favor of Lewis S. Heins, (Good Will Engine Company,) for one hundred and thirty-three dollars, was not countersigned by the Controller, through a mistake of the

parties in whose favor it was drawn; and the appropriation having fallen at the end of the year, the Committee offer the following ordinance re-appropriating that amount, and ask its adoption.

Respectfully,

W. S. WINSHIP, *Chairman*,
ANDREW J. BAKER,
B. F. WRIGHT,
JOHN WELSH.

March 19, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To authorize the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department to cancel Warrant No. 449, of his Department, and to re-appropriate the amount of said Warrant to the Good Will Fire Engine Company.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department be directed to cancel Warrant No. 449 of his Department, and that the amount of said warrant (one hundred and thirty-three dollars) be, and the same is hereby re-appropriated, to the Good Will Fire Engine Company.

APPENDIX No. 212.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE ON CITY PROPERTY APPROPRIATION BILL.

To the Select and Common Councils of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee of Conference of Select and Common Councils, to whom was referred the bill making an appropriation to the Department of City Property, beg leave to report:

Common Council accepts Select Council amendment in item 5: Strike out twenty-five hundred and forty dollars, and insert twenty-six hundred dollars; strike out fifteen hundred dollars in Select Chamber

amendment in item 12, and insert eighteen hundred dollars—accepts Select Chamber amendment item No. 16, striking out six thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars, and inserting seven thousand six hundred and twenty-five dollars; strike out Select Chamber amendment in item No. 27, two thousand dollars, and insert one thousand dollars; amend fourth line by striking out three hundred and twenty-seven dollars, and insert sixty-two dollars.

ABRAHAM BAKER, *Chairman*,
JOSEPH TAYLOR,
JOHN McWHORTER,
HENRY J. BOLLER,
THOS. J. ROBERTS.

March 19, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 213.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: Your Committee on Surveys and Regulations, to whom was referred the petition of Messrs. P. Bushong & Sons, having received a report from the Department of Surveys, herewith offer the accompanying ordinance, asking that it may be adopted.

GEORGE NORTHROP, *Chairman*,
SPENCER ROBERTS,
SAMUEL P. DUTTON,
JOSEPH GEISS.

March 19, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To authorize the construction of a certain Culvert or Drain along the east side of Broad street, from a point two hundred feet above Race street, to the intersection of Race and Broad streets.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the owners of property situate on the east side of Broad street, Tenth

Ward, are hereby authorized to construct a Culvert or Drain, to commence at and intersect the culvert at the intersection of Broad and Race streets, to extend northwardly along the east side of Broad street to the distance of two hundred feet north of Race street, to be of such form and dimensions as the Department of Surveys may prescribe, and to be constructed under the supervision of the Department of Surveys; *Provided*, before the said culvert is commenced, the parties who are hereby authorized to construct the same, shall enter into a covenant to build it at their own expense, and, upon its completion to restore the pavement to its present condition.

SECTION 2. The said culvert, when completed, shall become the property of the corporation, without condition, except that no permit or permission shall be granted to make any drain thereto, except to persons who may have contributed to the expense of the construction thereof, before he or she shall have paid to the parties so contributing, a sum proportionable to the extent of the front of his or her property on said culvert. *Provided*, a certificate of approval and acceptance thereof from the Chief Engineer and Surveyor, and a statement of the actual cost of such culvert shall have been filed in the office of the Department of Surveys: *And provided also*, that the annual charge rent shall be paid according to the provisions of the ordinance "Providing for the granting of permits to make openings into the common sewers," approved May 3, 1855.

APPENDIX No. 214.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the communication of J. N. Henderson, asking the payment of two warrants drawn in favor of James Goodman for \$200, report: That they have

had the same under consideration and find them correct, and recommend the payment of said amount of two hundred dollars, and ask the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the same be referred to the Finance Committee, to draw an ordinance for the payment of said claim, and that the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

J. G. SORVER, *Chairman*,
JOHN R. BROWNHOLTZ,
RICHARD PARKER,
SAM'L STEVENSON.

March 19, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 215.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAW.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN : The Committee on Law, to whom the petition of George M. Hill, late Tax Collector, praying that satisfaction on his bonds be entered by the Solicitor was referred—beg leave to report, That your Committee have examined the receipts and vouchers of the said George M. Hill, and find that he has the receipts of the City Treasurer in full of the city claim on the duplicate as Tax Collector; and therefore satisfaction should have been entered some months ago, as injustice has been done to the said George M. Hill, in consequence of the judgment remaining unsatisfied. We ask the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Solicitor be, and he is hereby, directed to enter satisfaction on the official bonds given by George M. Hill, as Tax Collector of the Fifth Ward, of the late Kensington District.

C. B. F. O'NEILL, *Chairman*,
HENRY T. KING,
CHARLES E. LEX,
WILLIAM DEAL.

March 19, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 216.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOLS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Schools, to whom was referred a petition from certain citizens of the Twenty-first Ward, asking an appropriation to rebuild the building heretofore occupied by the Levering School; and also, an ordinance making an appropriation for that purpose, respectfully reports:

That the said building was erected upwards of a century since by subscription, upon a lot of ground donated for that express purpose, and no other; the property and school were managed by certain trustees until the enactment of the act of March 3, 1818, entitled "An act to provide for the education of children at the public expense, within the City and County of Philadelphia," when the school passed into the hands of the Directors of Public Schools, appointed in accordance therewith, was by them managed as a public school; and the duties of the old trustees performed by the said directors. In 1846, an act was passed vesting the trust in the School Directors of the township of Roxborough, and their successors. The property then needed considerable repair, and the Board of Controllers made a small appropriation for that purpose; the trust continued in the School Directors until May, 1854, when it was vested in a literary association, known as the Roxborough Lyceum. The Managers of this Institution intended to erect an edifice sufficiently capacious to accommodate the schools, and for their own purposes. The deed granting the property was clear and explicit, that the ground was donated for the use of a school and school-house, and for no other use or purpose whatsoever. The Lyceum accordingly abandoned the idea. The severe tornado of last spring unroofed the building, threw down the chimneys, and seriously damaged the time-worn edifice. A town meeting of the citizens was called, and it was then decided to

petition Councils to make an appropriation to re-build it, and at the same time vest the trust in the city; the Directors of the section called the attention of the Controllors to the matter, who recommended Councils to make an appropriation to re-build the same, provided the trust was transferred to the city. By an act passed at the present session of the Legislature, this has been done.

In view of the above facts, and of the real and pressing necessity which exists for a suitable school building in that vicinity, and from a personal inspection of the miserable accommodation now rented, and which must be vacated on the 1st day of April or July at farthest, the Committee cannot but recommend the passage of the ordinance referred to them as a necessary and proper measure, and one which is dictated by a wise and proper economy.

JOSHUA T. OWEN, *Chairman*,

HENRY T. KING,

JOHN M. MELLOX,

JOHN ALEXANDER,

EDWIN BOOTH.

March 19, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to the Board of Controllors of Public Schools, for the purpose of Re-building or Repairing the Building heretofore occupied by the Levering School, in the Twenty-first Ward.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated to the Board of Controllors of the Public Schools of the First School District of Pennsylvania, for the purpose of re-building or repairing the house heretofore occupied by the Levering School, in the Twenty-first Ward—the trust in said property having been vested in the City of Philadelphia by an act of the Assembly, approved February 13th, 1857.

SECTION 2. Warrants for the payment of the said appropriation shall be drawn in the manner and form required by existing ordinances.

APPENDIX No. 217.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WATER WORKS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Water Works, of Common Council, beg leave to report, That they have had the following bills under consideration, viz: Robert Clark, Jr., M. A. Kellogg, John Loudenslager and John Briggs & Co., and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the bill of John Briggs & Co. be referred to the Committee on Highways; and that the bills of Robert Clark, Jr., M. A. Kellogg and John Loudenslager be referred to the Committee on Claims, and that the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

D. S. HASSINGER, *Chairman*,
ANDREW J. HOLMAN,
JOSEPH P. FITLER,
CHARLES E. LEX,
THOMAS MARSH,
B. F. WRIGHT.

March 19, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 218.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WATER WORKS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Water Works report the following resolution:

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Chief Engineer of the Water Department be instructed to draw a war-

rant in favor of Messrs. Colwell & Co., for \$5.147 98. to be paid from Item No. 35. for water pipes, furnished in 1856, and on hand for 1857.

D. S. HASSINGER, *Chairman*,
JOSEPH P. FITLER,
ANDREW J. HOLMAN,
CHARLES E. LEX,
THOMAS MARSH,
B. F. WRIGHT.

March 19, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 219.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WATER WORKS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Water Works report the following resolution:

Resolved. By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia. That the Chief Engineer of the Water Department be instructed to invite proposals for water pipes contemplated in Items 35 and 42; and that he be authorized to lay water pipes in the streets now ordered by Councils; and that the Chief Engineer be authorized to purchase the necessary materials for making stop-cocks and other fixtures for laying water pipes, and pay the necessary labor in fitting up the same for 1857. Warrants for the same to be drawn from Item No. 35 of the appropriation for 1857.

D. S. HASSINGER, *Chairman*,
CHARLES E. LEX,
JOSEPH P. FITLER,
ANDREW J. HOLMAN,
THOMAS MARSH,
B. F. WRIGHT.

March 19, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 220.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee of Conference upon the disagreements of the two Chambers upon the bill making an appropriation to the Board of Guardians of the Poor, for the year 1857, respectfully report:

That they have duly considered the items at variance, and have agreed to the amendments proposed by the Select Chamber, except the following, to wit:

In item two, insert "twenty-one thousand five hundred," instead of "twenty-three thousand."

In item sixty-eight, insert "fifteen hundred," instead of "nineteen hundred and twenty."

In item sixty-three, for "carriage hire," the sum to be one thousand dollars, the same as in the original bill.

Item eighty-four to remain "one thousand."

To amend third and fourth lines of first section by striking out "two hundred and twenty-four thousand three hundred and sixty," and inserting "two hundred and twenty-six thousand four hundred and sixty-two."

Amend the appropriation in the item for out-door relief, as follows:

In the First District, strike out after the word "fuel," "thirty-four hundred dollars," and insert "twenty-seven hundred dollars;" after the word "purposes," strike out "twelve hundred," and insert "one thousand."

In the Second District, strike out, after the word "fuel," "three thousand seven hundred and fifty," and insert "three thousand six hundred."

After the word "purposes," for said District, strike out "twelve hundred and forty," and insert "thirteen hundred."

After the word "fuel," in the Third District, strike out "eight thousand five hundred and fifty," and insert "eight thousand six hundred."

And after the word "purposes," for same section, strike out "four thousand three hundred and fifty," and insert "four thousand four hundred and fifty."

After the word "fuel," in Fourth District," strike out "one thousand seven hundred and fifty," and insert "two thousand two hundred."

And after the word "purposes," for same section, strike out "eight hundred," and insert "one thousand."

After the word hundred, in the Fifth District, strike out "and fifty;" after the word "fuel," strike out "thirty," and insert "twenty-six;" and after the word "purposes," for same District, strike out "one thousand four hundred," and insert "one thousand three hundred."

After the word "thousand," for fuel in the Sixth District, strike out, after "fuel," the word "fifty;" and after "four," strike out the words "hundred and fifty," and insert "thousand."

And after the word "purposes," for same District, strike out "thirty-eight," and insert "fifteen."

After the word "fuel," in the Seventh District, strike out "thirteen," and insert "ten;" and after "purposes," strike out "nine," and insert "eight."

After the word "fuel," for the Eighth District, strike out "nine hundred and fifty," and insert "one thousand;" and after the word "purposes," for the same District, add, after the word hundred, "and fifty,"

After the word "fuel," for the Ninth District, strike out "seven hundred," and insert "eight hundred;" and after the word "purposes," for same District, strike out "four hundred," and insert "five hundred."

After the word "fuel," for the Tenth District, strike out "one hundred," and insert "four hundred;" and after the word "purposes," for same District, strike out "fifty," and insert "four hundred."

JOSHUA T. OWEN,
SAMUEL STEVENSON,
HENRY T. KING,

Committee of Conference.

APPENDIX No. 221.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR, ETC.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, }
March 17, 1857.

*To the Select and Common Councils
 of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN: The accompanying communication from Mr. Philips, the intelligent and capable Superintendent of the Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph, will explain itself.

The work required, if chargeable to the City, as to the propriety of which there may be doubts, was not estimated in the ordinary appropriations for 1857.

It properly belongs to extraordinary expenses, because it involves an unexpected, unusual, and almost unprecedented disbursement.

I have presented the subject to the notice of Councils, and no doubt action will be taken at an early day on the subject.

Very respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX,
Mayor of Philadelphia.

OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE AND FIRE }
 ALARM TELEGRAPH, *Phila., March 14, 1857.*

HON. RICHARD VAUX, *Mayor,*

DEAR SIR: I have been notified by the President of the Frankford Plank Road Company, and one of the contractors of the Railroad now being constructed on the line of that road, that it is necessary to remove the Poles of the Police Telegraph from the corner of the Plank Road and York street (Nineteenth Ward) to Frankford, from their present location, to a line with the curb-stone. When the line was erected, the contractors were compelled to place them in their present position, taking the Plank Road as their guide.

The expense of removing the poles will be, as near as a careful estimate will enable me to determine, about \$270.

There having been no appropriation made for the purpose, it becomes necessary for me to present the subject, through you, to the City Councils.

The officers of the Railroad and the contractors solicit your early attention.

Yours, very respectfully,
W. J. PHILIPS,
Superintendent.

APPENDIX No. 222.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN: The Committee of Conference upon the Select Council amendments to Common Council bill, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of Controllers of the Public Schools of the First School District of Pennsylvania, for the purpose of defraying the cost of maintaining and managing the schools in the said District, for the year 1857,"

REPORT,

That, after a careful examination of said amendments, they have agreed upon the following, and recommend their adoption by Councils:

Strike out "five hundred and ninety-five," in the forty-fifth line, and insert "two hundred and twenty."

Strike out "five hundred," in the one hundred and twenty-fourth line, and insert "eight hundred."

Strike out "one hundred," in the one hundred and thirty-third line, and insert "five hundred."

Strike out "eighteen hundred and sixty-four," in the one hundred and forty-fifth line, and insert "one thousand."

Strike out "five hundred," after the word "thousand," in the one hundred and fifty-ninth line.

Strike out "repairs and additions," in the one hundred and seventy-second line, and insert "alterations of stairway to New Market street school house, and repairs to school houses generally."

Strike out "eight hundred," in the one hundred and eighty-eighth line, and insert "six hundred and fifty."

Strike out "five hundred," in the one hundred and eighty-seventh line, and insert "two hundred."

Strike out "nine thousand five hundred and ten," in the one hundred and ninety-third and one hundred and ninety-fourth lines, and insert "eight thousand six hundred."

Strike out "one thousand," in the two hundred and eighth line, and insert "eight hundred."

Strike out "eight hundred," in the two hundred and thirty-sixth line, and insert "six hundred."

Strike out "eleven hundred," in the two hundred and twentieth line, and insert "thirteen hundred."

Add "five" after the word "sixty," in the two hundred and thirtieth line.

Strike out "four hundred and eighty-seven," in the two hundred and forty-fourth line, and insert "seven hundred and fifty."

Strike out "twelve hundred and fifty," in the two hundred and seventy-fifth line, and insert "one thousand."

Strike out "eight," in the two hundred and ninety-eighth line, and insert "five."

Strike out "five," in the three hundredth line, and insert "two."

Strike out "seven hundred and twenty-five," in the three hundred and thirty-eighth line, and insert "five hundred."

Strike out "four hundred and eighty-three thousand six hundred and fifty," in the three hundred and fourteenth line, and insert "four hundred and eighty thousand three hundred and four."

JOSHUA T. OWEN,
D. S. BEIDEMAN,
HENRY T. KING,
JOHN M. MELLODY,

March 19, 1857.

Committee of Conference.

APPENDIX No. 223.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Finance respectfully report the following ordinance "To make an appropriation to pay a certain judgment against the City of Philadelphia," and ask its passage.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
THOS. CRAVEN,
ABM. BAKER,
HENRY J. BOLLER.

March 26, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to pay a certain Judgment against the City of Philadelphia.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of three hundred and ninety-eight dollars and fifty-seven cents be, and the same is hereby, appropriated to pay a judgment obtained by Edwin G. Lindsey against the City of Philadelphia, in the District Court for the City and County of Philadelphia, to June Term, 1856, No. 1423.

SECT. 2. Warrants for the payment of the same shall be drawn by the City Solicitor.

APPENDIX No. 224.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PORT WARDENS, PUBLIC WHARVES
AND LANDINGS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Port Wardens, Public Wharves and Landings, to whom was referred the communication of John Esray, Jr., lessee of Catharine street wharf, asking that the dock be cleansed, respectfully report favorably to the cleansing of the same, and ask the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Markets be, and he is hereby, authorized to have the dock at Catharine street wharf cleansed, at a cost not exceeding one hun-

dred and fifty dollars; to be done under the supervision of the Committee on Port Wardens, Public Wharves and Landings.

WM. M. BAIRD, *Chairman*,
JOHN McMAKIN,
FRANCIS McMANUS,
FRANCIS J. BORIE,
BENJ. H. BROWN.

March 26, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 225.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Finance have had under consideration a number of applications for the payment of old claims referred to them, and respectfully report the annexed ordinance "To make an appropriation for the support of convicts in the Eastern Penitentiary, for 1856, and to pay certain claims against the Corporation."

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
THOS. CRAVEN,
ABM. BAKER,

March 26, 1857. HENRY J. BOLLER,

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation for the support of convicts in the Eastern Penitentiary, for 1856, and to pay certain claims against the Corporation.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of three

thousand six hundred and seventy-five dollars and forty-eight cents be, and the same is hereby, appropriated for the following purposes, viz.:

For the support of convicts in the Eastern Penitentiary, for 1856, the sum of fifteen hundred thirty-three dollars and sixty-nine cents, \$1,533 69

To pay Samuel F. Fisher, for District of Richmond Script, the sum of sixty-five dollars and fifty-five cents, 65 55

To pay the Commissioners of Delaware County, for costs in the suit of Robeson vs. The Schuylkill Navigation Company, the sum of one hundred and seventy-five dollars and forty cents, 175 40

To pay E. J. Megonegal, for making out transcripts for 1856, the sum of two hundred and eleven dollars, 211 00

To pay Levi Fort, for indexing Assessors' book, Twentieth Ward, 1856, the sum of one hundred forty-seven dollars and ten cents, 147 10

To pay George H. Myers, for indexing Assessors' book, Eighth Ward, for 1855, the sum of forty one dollars and seventy-six cents, 41 76

To pay W. H. Kern, for ice furnished Grand and Petit Jury Rooms, City Commissioners and Courts, Watering Committee Room and Highway Department, for 1856, the sum of two hundred and ninety-five dollars, 295 00

To pay Charles S. Close, for measuring pipe, the sum of twenty-six dollars and twenty-two cents, 26 22

To pay Wolbert & Brother, for ice furnished Commissioners' Office and Courts, for 1856, the sum of sixty-five dollars, 65 00

To pay expenses incident to drawing juries, for the year 1857, the sum of three hundred dollars,	300 00
To pay Mary Ann Jones, Administratrix of Isaac C. Jones, for indexing Assessors' book, Seventh Ward, 1856, the sum of one hundred dollars and seventy cents,	100 70
To pay James Ralston, for indexing Assessors' books for Eighth Ward, for 1856, the sum of seventy-four dollars and ninety cents,	74 90
To pay William Southwait, for auditing Receiver of Taxes' books, for the year 1854, the sum of fifty dollars,	50 00
To pay Hague & Sisman, for carriage hire for Grand Jury, for 1856, the sum of two hundred and ninety-one dollars,	291 00
To pay A. Smith, for upholstering, the sum of twenty-three dollars,	23 00
To pay three months' salary of Superintendent of Petit Jury Rooms, Adelphi Building, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars,	150 00
To pay Jacob Waterman, for indexing Assessor's book, Second Division, Twenty-third Ward, for 1857, the sum of forty-two dollars and twenty-two cents,	42 22
To pay Henwood & Rickards, for wood furnished City Commissioners in 1855 and 1856, the sum of eighty-two dollars and ninety-four cents,	82 94

SECTION 2. Warrants for the payment of item second shall be drawn by the City Treasurer; for item eight by the Chief Engineer and Surveyor; for item sixteen by the Commissioner of City Property; and for all the other items, by the City Commissioners.

APPENDIX No. 226.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Special Committee, to whom were referred two messages of the Mayor, disapproving of the resolutions admitting the Independence Hose Company and the Union Engine Company into the Fire Department, respectfully report, that, owing to the inadvertency of the Mayor's Clerk, in presenting said messages to Councils within the time prescribed by law, said resolutions have become laws in like manner and with as binding effect as they would be were the signature of the Mayor appended thereto. Your Committee would, therefore, respectfully offer the following resolutions, and ask their adoption:

Resolved, That the Clerks of Councils be directed to publish the resolutions admitting the Independence Hose and the Union Engine Companies into the Fire Department, according to law.

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JOHN F. MASCHER, *Chairman*,
D. S. HASSINGER,
HENRY T. KING.

March 26, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 227.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the communication of the following named citizens, who represent that they have overpaid to the late District of Kensington, for paving Franklin street, between Mulberry and Cherry streets, the amounts annexed to their respective names, as follows:

Godfrey Metzger,	\$ 29 60
Samuel Rorer,	103 60
John M. Schlecht,	177 39
Wm. Johnston,	126 54
Joseph Heller,	27 60
Christiana Baldt,	235 74
John Ulmer,	126 34
E. Willetts,	98 42
R. Sheble,	74 52
George Fox,	50 62
Samuel A. Hibbs,	23 00
Wm. F. Savery,	25 00
Wm. Kent,	22 50
John Mills,	42 18
Henry Fricke,	88 80

—asking that said amounts be refunded to them; also, the claim of Moses Hopkins, Assessor of the Twenty-fourth Ward, for services rendered Board of Revision, amount \$55: report, that they have duly considered said claims, and report adverse to the payment of the same; and respectfully offer the following resolution, and ask its adoption:

Resolved, That the Committee on Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

J. G. SORVER, *Chairman*,
 SAMUEL STEVENSON,
 JOHN R. BROWNHOLTZ,
 CHARLES F. ISEMINGER.

March 26, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 228.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Claims, to whom were referred the following claims, viz.:

Randall & Meredith, for one hundred and twenty-five tons of coal, at \$5 50 per ton, delivered to the County Buildings, Chestnut street above Fifth, contracted for by the City Commissioners, amounting to \$687 50, and for storing the same, twenty-five cents per ton, amount \$31 25; Logan Alcott, bill for charcoal, \$87 50; and F. G. Troxell's bill, Assessor of the Thirteenth Ward, as per appointment by City Commissioners, to take extra assessments, amount \$8 00:

Report, that they have considered said claims, and find that said coal has been contracted for contrary to the Act of Consolidation, and twenty-five cents more per ton charged by Randall & Meredith than coal was selling for at the time they were contracted; but it is contended, that as the City has received said coal, they should be paid. Your Committee, therefore, recommend the payment of Randall & Meredith's bill, less twenty-five cents per ton, amounting to \$656 25, and for storing one hundred and twenty-five tons, at twenty-five cents, \$31 25; whole amount, \$687 50.

Also, Logan Alcott, the sum of \$87 50, and F. G. Troxell, the sum of \$8 00; and offer the following resolution, and ask its adoption:

Resolved, That the same be referred to the Finance Committee, to report an ordinance for the payment of said amounts named; and that the Committee on Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

J. G. SORVER, *Chairman*,
SAMUEL STEVENSON,
JOHN R. BROWNHOLTZ,
SAMUEL H. MECUTCHEN,
CHARLES F. ISEMINER.

March 26, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 229.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RAILROADS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Railroads, to whom were referred divers petitions from citizens of Philadelphia, praying Councils to accept the supplement to an act to incorporate the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, approved April 18th, 1856; also, remonstrances against the acceptance of the same: beg leave to report, that they have given the subject careful consideration, and are of opinion that Councils should authorize the Mayor, on behalf of the City, to vote, at the next meeting of the stockholders of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, in favor of the acceptance by the Company of the supplement in question.

This supplement to its act of incorporation, authorizes the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to construct a railroad from a point at or near the termination of the State road, in the Twenty-fourth Ward; along the said ward to some point on the west side of the river Schuylkill, at or near Gray's Ferry bridge; thence crossing said river to the river Delaware, and terminating thereon south of the Navy Yard, by such route as may be most practicable and conducive to the public interests, and your Committee think that the best interests of the Consolidated City of Philadelphia demand that this new road should be made at once and forthwith. They think that it is a work which, when completed, will benefit the whole City, and that no obstacles should be put in the way of its early consummation.

Without entering at large into the reasons which should induce the City to accept this supplement—reasons which must suggest themselves at once to the mind of any person who has given the subject any study—they would recommend to Councils the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That his Honor, Richard Vaux, Mayor of the City, be instructed to vote (upon the stock of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company owned by the said City of Philadelphia), at the meeting of the stockholders of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, to be held April 6, 1857, in favor of approving a certain Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approved April 18, 1856, entitled "A Further Supplement to an Act to incorporate the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, passed April 13, 1846."

M. J. DOUGHERTY, *Chairman*,
JOHN F. DEAL,
CHARLES HUBBARD,
JOHN BROMLEE.

March 26, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 230.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Highways, &c., upon various petitions referred to them, asking for the paving of certain streets, respectfully report the resolutions hereunto annexed, entitled "Resolutions to authorize the paving of certain streets, the repaving of Lombard street, and for other purposes."

There is one resolution to grade a portion of Powelton avenue, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, which it is

necessary should be done, in order to drain the water from a portion of Thirty-fifth street, which has been recently paved.

They also report a resolution in reference to the grading of Girard avenue, in the Twentieth Ward, in lieu of one from Select Council on the same subject, referred to them at the last meeting. All which are respectfully submitted by

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
CHARLES F. ISEMINER,
J. G. SORVER,
JOHN M. FORD.

March 26, 1857.

RESOLUTIONS

To authorize the paving of certain streets, the repaving of Lombard street, and for other purposes.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the owners of property, or a majority thereof, fronting on the following named streets, viz. :

1. Susquehanna avenue, from Second street to the Germantown road.

2. Dauphin street, from the Germantown road to the Frankford road, in the Nineteenth Ward.

3. Franklin street, from Parrish to Poplar street, in the Thirteenth Ward.

4. Aspen street, from Cherry to Race street, in the Tenth Ward.

5. Margaret street, from Wharton to Mary street, and Mary street, from Seventh street to its eastern termination, in the Second Ward.

6. Dickenson street, from Jefferson avenue to Fourth street.

7. Catharine street, from Broad street to Gray's Ferry road, in the First Ward.

—Are hereby authorized to have the same paved,

under the proper supervision of the Department of Highways: *Provided*, That the water pipe be first laid in the said streets.

Resolved, That the Highway Department is hereby authorized to have Lombard street, from Seventh to Eighth street, in the Seventh Ward, repaved—said repaving to be done by contract with the lowest responsible bidder, who is a competent paver, and to be carefully superintended by the said department, while the same is progressing.

Resolved, That the Highway Department is hereby authorized to grade the cartway of Powelton avenue, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, from its intersection with Twenty-fifth street eastward, to a distance and depth sufficient only to drain the water from the depression in the grade of Thirty-fifth street, at its intersection with the said avenue; and to expend in the said work a sum not exceeding the sum of two hundred dollars.

Resolved, That the second resolution of the resolutions approved the third day of November, 1856, entitled “Resolutions to authorize the extension of the wing walls of the Girard avenue bridge,” &c., shall be construed to authorize the grading of Girard avenue, to be commenced at the time the erection of the bridge is commenced, and to be proceeded with as in the said resolutions is set forth.

APPENDIX No. 231.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN—The Committee on Highways, &c., to whom was referred the ordinance passed by Select Council, entitled “An Ordinance to make

an appropriation to the Department of Highways, for the purposes therein mentioned, have considered the same, and thereupon they respectfully report, that the claim of Martin & Phelan, for grading Berks and Montgomery avenues, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, for the payment of which the said ordinance provides, appears to have been very carefully investigated by two committees of Select Council, and, according to the foregoing report of the Committee of Finance of that chamber, made on the 19th of February last (Appendix 150), the claim has been greatly reduced from the amount of the bill originally presented. The Committee are of the opinion, that all the contracts for grading in the Twenty-fourth Ward, made either by the County Commissioners or the Commissioners of Belmont, after the passage of the Consolidation Act, were in violation of the spirit, if not of the letter, of that law, and the grading of Berks and Montgomery avenues was far in advance of the times, and entirely uncalled for by the state of improvements in the vicinity. Nevertheless, the work has been done in good faith by the contractors, and all further work under the contracts alluded to, except that on Girard avenue, has been stopped; and the Committee recommend that the ordinance making an appropriation to pay this claim, be concurred in by Common Council.

Respectfully submitted by

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
CHARLES F. ISEMINER,
J. G. SORVER,
JOHN M. FORD.

March 26, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 232.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN—The Committee on Highways, &c., to whom was referred the petition from the owners of property on Delancey Place, asking for permission to occupy the footway to within ten feet of the curbstone, with iron railing, for the purpose of ornamenting their fronts with shrubbery, &c., have considered the same, and thereupon respectfully report, that by a regulation which has from time immemorial existed in the City of Philadelphia, the sidewalks of a fifty feet wide street are thirteen feet wide, and by an Act of Assembly, passed in the year 1769, porches, cellar-doors, areas and steps are, in a fifty feet wide street, allowed to extend into the street four feet three inches. This would bring these proportions to within eight feet nine inches of the outside of the curb, nearly two feet nearer there-to than the petitioners desire to come.

The Committee are, therefore, of the opinion that the petitioners have the right by law to set their railing on the line designated, without any action of Councils on the subject.

Respectfully submitted by

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
CHARLES F. ISEMINER,
J. G. SORVER,
JOHN M. FORD.

March 26, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 233.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: Your Committee on Surveys and Regulations, having observed the large amount of information furnished the public by the Department of Surveys, without charge, deem it but just that a schedule of charges should be fixed by Councils, thereby opening another source of revenue for the City, without imposing undue restrictions upon the community. We therefore present the accompanying ordinance, asking that it may receive the sanction of this Chamber.

GEORGE NORTHROP, *Chairman*,
JOSEPH GEISZ,
SAMUEL P. DUTTON,
SPENCER ROBERTS.

March 26, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

Supplementary to an Ordinance re-organizing the Department of Surveys.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That from and after the passage of this ordinance, the following charges shall be made for information furnished, or extracts made from the public records now, or that hereafter may be, on file in the Department of Surveys:

For examination of plans or records,	\$0 25
For examination of plans or records, with extracts,	50
For copies of documents, per one hundred words,	10

For copies of plans, \$1 per hour consumed in their preparation, no charge less than	1 00
For copy of official return of survey,	50
For information from culvert records, each	50
For entering an appeal to the Board of Surveyors, and delivery of notices,	2 50
For official certificate,	50

SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of the Chief Engineer and Surveyor to collect, receive, and keep an account of all the fees and charges connected with the office of the Department of Surveys; and he shall, at the close of each month, make returns, under oath, to the City Controller, of each item of moneys received by him, and immediately pay the same to the City Treasurer.

APPENDIX No. 234.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Finance, having, in an ordinance presented by them to Councils, (Common Council file No. 42,) made an appropriation to Thomas Oliver Goldsmith, late Coroner, of \$503 65, as balance due him, in full, beg leave to report: That the said sum being the result of an elaborate examination made by a Committee of the Select branch, was adopted by your Committee as satisfactory to them.

Upon the urgent solicitation of said Goldsmith, for a further examination into his claim, your Committee

having made an investigation accordingly, found that from his claim for post-mortems, the sum of \$425 for charges over \$20 for each post-mortem, had been deducted, and that his charge for incidentals, amounting to \$1947 64, had been altogether disallowed by the other Committee, on the ground, as understood, of there being no vouchers for this charge. These sums, added to \$504 65, (instead of \$503 65, as appropriated, which was an error,) would amount to \$2,877 29, as the claim of said Goldsmith. This amount, including so heavy a charge for incidentals, for most of which, from their nature, no vouchers could be furnished, could not be allowed by your Committee, though not doubting that incidental expenses may have been incurred. They deemed, however, that the charge for post-mortems ought to be allowed, and probably something for incidentals. Upon referring to Goldsmith's account, as audited by the late Controller, John N. Henderson, they found that after deducting the payments made, the balance due to him would be \$1331 37. This sum would embrace a small allowance for incidentals, added to the sum first referred to as intended to be appropriated, together with the claim for post-mortems.

Your Committee believe that this result is as nearly correct as possible, and deem it right to approve of the report of the late Controller, on this account. They have therefore prepared, and submit, an ordinance to pay the sum of \$1331 37 to Thomas Oliver Goldsmith, late Coroner, as balance due him, in full.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,

HENRY J. BOLLER,

THOMAS CRAVEN,

ABM. BAKER.

March 26, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to the Department of City Commissioners, for the Payment of the Claim of Thos. Oliver Goldsmith, late Coroner.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of one

thousand three hundred and thirty-one dollars and thirty-seven cents be, and the same is hereby, appropriated to pay Thomas Oliver Goldsmith, late Coroner, balance due him, in full.

SECTION 2. That warrants for the said appropriation shall be drawn in conformity with existing ordinances.

APPENDIX No. 235.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAW.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Law, to whom were referred the petitions of John Adams and C. Colket, respectfully beg leave to report, that your Committee have had both petitions under consideration, and, after examining the facts of the cases, and the written evidence submitted by the petitioners, your Committee could not discover any defect in the title of the City to the property sold; and, therefore, are of the opinion that the petitioners have no claim for damages against the City.

We ask the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Law be discharged from the further consideration of the petitions of John Adams and C. Colket.

C. B. F. O'NEILL, *Chairman*,
HENRY T. KING,
GEORGE NORTHROP,
WILLIAM DEAL.

March 26, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 236.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRUSTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department respectfully present the following ordinance "To transfer portions of certain items of the appropriation to the Board of Managers of Wills Hospital," and ask its adoption.

Respectfully yours,

ANDREW J. BAKER, *Chairman*,
CHARLES M. SLOCUM,
B. F. WRIGHT,
ROBERT KERSHAW.

April 2, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To transfer portions of certain items of appropriation to the Board of Managers of Wills Hospital.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the following amounts be transferred from the respective items in a certain ordinance, passed February 9, 1857, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Board of Managers of Wills Hospital, for the use of said Hospital, for the year 1857," as follows:

From item 1, the sum of three hundred and sixty-six dollars and fourteen cents, and that the same be appropriated to pay house expenses incurred in 1856.

From item 2, the sum of one hundred and seventy-five dollars and thirty-eight cents, and that the same be appropriated to pay salaries and wages in 1856.

From item 3, the sum of one hundred and four dollars and forty-eight cents, and that the same be appropriated to pay for the medical department, for expenses, &c., in 1856.

From item 4, the sum of two hundred and thirty-one dollars and thirty-eight cents, and that the same be appropriated to pay for repairs to real estate in 1856.

SECTION 2. Warrants for the payment of the said transferred appropriations shall be drawn by the President of the Board of Managers of Wills Hospital, in the manner provided by law.

APPENDIX No. 237.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRUSTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, to whom were referred the applications of the Franklin and United Hose Companies, for assistance to enable them to purchase suction engines; the Columbia Engine Company of Germantown, for assistance to enable them to build a house; and from the Vigilant Engine Company, to pay for horse hire: report adverse to said applications.

An equal amount is appropriated yearly to each company, to assist them in defraying their necessary expenses, and your Committee believe the making of special appropriations, unless in cases of the most urgent necessity, to be doing injustice to the rest of the department.

They have also had under consideration the application of the Spring Garden Hose Company, for admission into the Fire Department, and report adverse to the application. There being two efficient compa-

nies in the neighborhood, the services of this company are not required.

They would also report in relation to the application of the Northern Liberty Engine Company, to take charge of the Steam Fire Engine Young America, that the Committee cannot act in the matter until the company obtain the consent of the Trustees of the Engine.

They would also report the following resolution, and ask its adoption :

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department be authorized to draw warrants for the salaries of the Chief and Assistant Engineers of the Steam Fire Engine Young America; and also a warrant for nine dollars and seventy-five cents, for expenses incurred on said Engine, from the amount appropriated for that purpose.

Respectfully,

W. S. WINSHIP, *Chairman*,
ANDREW J. BAKER,
CHARLES M. SLOCUM,
ROBERT KERSHAW.

April 2, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 238.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PORT WARDENS, PUBLIC WHARVES AND LANDINGS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Port Wardens, Public Wharves and Landings respectfully report, that on a further examination of Arch and Almond street

wharves, they were found much more defective than was first supposed; and, in order to repair them in a permanent manner, an additional appropriation is required. Your Committee submit the following resolution, and ask its adoption:

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Commissioner of Markets be, and he is hereby, authorized to expend the further sum of one hundred and five dollars, for repairs of Arch street wharf, and fifty dollars for repairs of Almond street wharf; to be done under the supervision of the Committee on Port Wardens, Public Wharves and Landings.

WM. M. BAIRD, *Chairman*,
WM. C. KELLY,
JOHN McMAKIN,
FRANCIS McMANUS.

April 2, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 239.

Read in place by Mr. LEECH, April 2d, 1857 :

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to pay certain claims against the City.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of nine hundred and thirty-two dollars and eighty-three cents

be, and the same is hereby, appropriated to pay the following claims, namely :

John W. Hicks, for gas fitting, June 21st, 1856, sixteen dollars.

Morris, Tasker & Morris, iron work, March 21st, 1856, sixteen dollars and nineteen cents.

D. M. Smith, lumber, April, 1856, thirteen dollars and forty-one cents.

H. S. Powell, lumber, March 2d, 1856, seventy-eight dollars and ninety-three cents.

Barnes & Strang, carpenter work, April 19th, 1856, one hundred and thirty-two dollars and twenty-five cents.

Joseph Wimer, plastering, April 28th, 1856, forty dollars.

H. Snyder & Son, painting, April 2d, 1856, one hundred and sixty-eight dollars and twenty-five cents.

Charles Hubbard, painting, April 25th, 1856, two hundred and ten dollars.

William H. Sickles, printing, seven dollars.

Philadelphia Daily Sun, advertising, three dollars.

Trustees Philadelphia Gas Works, fifty-eight dollars and seven cents.

Edward C. Graeff, to pay order in his favor, one hundred and eighty-nine dollars and seventy-five cents.

SECTION 2. That warrants for said appropriations shall be drawn by the Commissioner of Markets, and charged to Item No. 3 of the appropriation for that department, for the year 1857.

APPENDIX No. 240.

OFFICE OF CHIEF ENGINEER OF PHILADELPHIA }
FIRE DEPARTMENT, April 1, 1857. }

*To the Honorable the Members of the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN: Agreeably to the 8th Section of the Ordinance re-organizing the Fire Department, I herewith transmit to your honorable bodies my second quarterly report of the number of fires that have occurred and with the loss sustained, for the quarter ending the 31st day of March, 1857: The number of fires that have occurred is 104, the estimated loss upon which is \$219,120, and the insurance \$141,750, leaving and uninsured loss of \$77,370; thus making an increase of 20 fires over those of last quarter, and the decrease in total of \$82,894, and the decrease in the uninsured loss of \$104,482. There have been admitted into the Department since my last report, the Cohocksink, Northern Liberty and Independence Hose Companies, and the Union Engine Company; making the Department now to consist of 42 Engine, 36 Hose, and 5 Hook and Ladder Companies. I would also call your attention to the fact, that the firemen are placed to great inconvenience during fires, on account of there being no cordon placed around the fire ground whilst in the performance of their duties, to protect them from intrusion and interruption. I also experience much inconvenience, on account of not getting the alarm in case of fire in quick time. I would therefore again suggest, the propriety of placing a Telo-graph Box in my residence, which would be the means of enabling me to be upon the fire ground quickly, so that, as the Companies arrive, I could regulate their apparatus and distribute the water. In conclusion, permit me to state, that the Department is in excellent condition, and is what it should be—orderly, active, and effective; and there is a disposition on the part of the firemen to keep it so. Trusting your honorable bodies will take into consideration my suggestions, and give them prompt attention, I remain yours, &c.,

S. P. FEARON,

STATEMENT

DATE. 1857.	DISTRICT.	LOCATION.	AMOUNT AND KIND OF PROPERTY.	CAUSE.	LOSS	
					Real Es- tate.	Per- sonal Estate.
Jan'y 1	4	Broad and Wallace sts.	Shavings in a saw mill.	Unknown.		
" 2	2	Chestnut street below Eighth.	Dry goods store, Daguerreotype establishment.	Unknown.	\$1,800	28
" 3	1	Thirteenth and Federal sts.	Brick dwelling.	Incendiarism.		
" 3	1	E. side of Second above South st.	Roof of a frame tin store.	Unknown.	100	
" 4	6	Mason's factory, at Manayunk.	Woolen manufactory, back building, stock, etc.	Accidental.	1,400	8
" 4	4	S. side of Seibert street above Twenty-second.	Upper portion and roof of a brick building.	Incendiarism.		
" 5	2	S. side of Market ab. Ninth st.	Toy store, toys, etc.	Unknown.	800	2
" 6	3	Perry street above Race.	Carpenter shop, shavings, etc.	Accidental.		
" 6	4	Perry street above Jefferson.	Roofs of three three-story brick buildings.	Unknown.	500	
" 8	2	Nos. 159 and 161 S. Fifth st.	Roofs and upper portion of two brick dwellings.	Defect in the flue.	900	
" 8	3	N. side of Noble ab. Eighth st.	Brick carpenter shop, lumber, etc.	Upsetting of a stove.	100	
" 8	2	No. 92 N. Water st.	Rubbish in a cellar.	Accidental.		
" 8	3	Wood street near Sixteenth.		Carelessness.		
" 10	2	No. 750 Market st. below 18th.	Flour and feed store, stock & stable	Incendiarism.	100	
" 10	3	N. side of Race st. below Third.	Wood work around a stove.	Carelessness.		
" 11	5	Railroad near Tacony.	First-class railroad car.	Incendiarism.		
" 12	7	Till above Market st.	Unoccupied frame building.	Incendiarism.	75	
" 12	4	N.E. cor. of Ridge R. and Wallace.	Bed and clothing.	Accidental.		
" 12	2	Rear of Market above 23d st.	Brick stable, etc., etc.	Incendiarism.	300	
" 12	2	N. W. cor. of Beach and Locust streets.	Counting-house, lumber, etc.	"	100	60
" 13	1	S. W. corner of Bank and Beach streets.	Counting-house, lumber, etc.	"	850	70
" 13	5	Print Works, Frankford.	Rubbish.	Accidental.		
" 14	1	Gray's Perry R. and Federal st.	Sheds in a brick yard.	Incendiarism.	50	
" 16	3	S. E. corner of Tenth and Vine streets.	Parlor floor of a three-story brick building.	Accidental.	25	
" 17	1	Long Lane and Buck R.	Sheds in a brick yard.	Incendiarism.	75	
" 17	1	Bedford street below Seventh.	Upper portion of three frame buildings.	Intoxicated woman building a fire in the middle of the floor.		
" 18	4	N. W. cor. Broad and Wallace sts	Lumber in a lumber yard.	Incendiarism.		1
" 18	1	Alarm caused by the explosion of a gas metre in the market at Second and South.				
" 18	4	W. side of Frankford R. below Harrison st.	Brick dwelling.	Carelessness.		
" 18	4	W. side of Eleventh below Oxford st.	Brick church, school house, roofs of dwellings, etc.	"	13,500	
" 19	2	S. W. corner of Eighteenth and Chestnut sts.	Dwelling floor, carpet and books.	Accidental.	200	
" 22	4	E. side of Mechanic street ab. Girard av.	Match factory, grocery store, etc.	Incendiarism.		9
" 22	2	S. side of Cherry above Fourth street.	Saw factory, window frames, etc.	Accidental.	50	
" 22	4	E. side of Hope ab. Jefferson st.	Rubbish in a carpet factory.	Unknown.		
" 22	3	S. side of Callowhill between 22d and 23d sts.	A portion of an unoccupied brick dwelling.	Incendiarism.	500	
" 24	2	S. W. cor. Ninth and Chestnut sts.	Chimney.			
" 24	4	Franklin above Master st.	Brick carpenter shop.	Unknown.	700	8
" 24	2	S. side of Cherry street, between Fifth and Sixth sts.	Brick stable, carriages, stock, etc.	Incendiarism.	200	10
" 25	3	E. side of Tenth above Race st.	Floor of a building.	Accidental.		

OF FIRES, LOSSES, &c., &c.

OWNERS OF REAL ESTATE.	OWNERS OF PERSONAL ESTATE.	INSURANCE ON		WHERE INSURED.	REMARKS.
		Real Estat	Personal Estate.		
A. Fiot.	V. L. Richardson, Agnew & Co., M. Cohill.	\$1800	12800	Pennsylvania, Commonwealth, Royal, Alliance.	Damage tri- [fling. [fling.
Wharton's estate. Mason & Son.	Traugh & Timmens. Mason & Son.	1400	50 4000	Franklin. Connecticut, at Hartford.	Damage tri-
Thomas Baxter.	Robert Swift.	800	2800	Franklin and American.	[fling.
John Marston.		500		Franklin.	Damage tri-
Craig & Hockley.	Richard C. Dale and James McCutcheon.	900	600	Pennsylvania, Reliance, Equitable.	
Mrs. Turner.	Craig & Widdis.	100	225	Fire Association.	[fling. Damage tri-
F. E. Witmer.	A. Alcorn, A. M. Dorman.		150	Merchants' & Mechanics'.	[fling. Damage tri-
Paxson & Phillips.					[fling. Damage tri-
Peter Dourredore. Harbet, Davis & Co.	Peter Dourredore. Harbet, Davis & Co.	100	6000	No insurance. Delaware Mutual, Franklin.	
J. F. Fisher and Govatt & Durbin.	Govatt & Durbin and J. S. Lowry.	500	7683	Franklin, Royal, Girard, Delaware Mutual, and Fire Association.	[fling. Damage tri-
H. & P. Bobb. — Warner.	John Ashmead.	25	45	No insurance. Franklin, Fire Association.	
Benjamin Allen. James McCloskey.				No insurance. No insurance.	
	Williams & Stapler.		1600	Franklin.	
	Mrs. Reilly.			No insurance.	
Tabernacle Methodist Episcopal Church, John Gay, Geo. Burr.		5500		Fire Association, Franklin, &c.	[Police. [by the
Estate of J. H. Wahl.	Hon. Richard Vaux.	200			Extinguish'd
	John Leger, Adam Roedel.		275		
Jacob Esher.	Johnson & Conaway.	50	67	Fire Assoc'n, Hope, Farmers' and Mechanics'.	
William Young.	William Young.			No insurance.	
George Snyder. D. R. Kirkpatrick.	George Snyder. D. R. Kirkpatrick.	200		No insurance.	[fling. Damage tri-

STATEMENT

DATE. 1857.	DISTRICT.	LOCATION.	AMOUNT AND KIND OF PROPERTY.	CAUSE.	LOSS ON	
					Real Estate.	Personal Estate.
Jan'y 26	3	No. 247 N. Front st.	Chair manufactory, frame work of windows.	Carelessness.	\$75	\$30
" 26	4	N. W. cor. of 4th and Maria sts.	Frame building.	Incendiarism.	75	10
" 27	2	Bread and Fetter lane.	Wood work around a stove.	Carelessness.		
" 27	3	Quigg's Court, Eleventh and Buttonwood sts.	Floor of a building.			
" 28	1	George above Monroe st.	Floor of a building.			
" 28	2	Nos. 102 and 104 Chestnut st.	Third and fourth stories of a four story brown stone edifice, (occupied by jewelers, book-binders, and printers.) machinery, &c.	Unknown.	17,000	57 70
" 29	2	No. 473 Race st.	Paint shop.			
" 29	4	Anthraccite and Huntingdon sts.	Brick building.			
" 30	2	Nos. 102 and 104 Chestnut st.	Rekindling of rubbish.			
" 30	1	W. side of 5th bel. Shippen st.	Carpet factory.	Unknown.		20
" 31	1	Alarm, caused by the bursting of a gas pipe in the store S. E. cor. of 3d and Plumb sts.				
" 31	1	Alarm, caused by the burning of a bed in a dwelling on the N. side Shippen bel. 5th.				
Feb'y 1	4	N. side of Parrish near Fifteenth street.	Carpenter shop.	Incendiarism.	400	17
" 1	4	S. E. cor. Rachel and Laurel sts.	Smoke house, hams, &c.	Carelessness.		30
" 3	3	Pegg and New Market sts.	Steam saw mill, roofs of dwellings, &c.			
" 4	2	N. side of Spruce above 10th st.	Frame building and roof of a brick dwelling.	Unknown.	125	25
" 6	2	W. side of 3d below Arch st.	Dry goods store, stock, shelving, &c., &c.	Carelessness.	1800	3000
" 7	2	Alarm, caused by smoke issuing from cellar of St. Stephen's Church				
" 7	2	Alarm, " " "	from foundry at Broad and Filbert sts.			
" 8	7	Westminster av. & Haverford R.	Stone barn, stock, &c.	Incendiarism.	400	10
" 8	2	N. side of Chestnut below 4th st.	Godey's Lady's Book office, stock, &c., &c.	Spontaneous combustion.	50	120
" 10	6	Wissahickon and Gorgas lanes.	Cotton wadding manufactory, stock, machinery, &c.	Accidental.	2000	600
" 10	2	W. side of 2d below Arch st.	Paper hanging store.	Incendiarism.	25	150
" 14	1	W. side of Ashton below Spruce street.	Roofs of two three-story brick houses.	Unknown.	200	
" 14	2	Nos. 19 and 21 Arch st.	Portion of the roofs of two brick houses.	Incendiarism.	100	10
" 14	2	Alarm, caused by the rekindling of the rubbish of the above fire.				
" 15	3	Pearl st. E. of Twenty-third.	Frame stable.	Incendiarism.		
" 15	1	W. side of 7th below Shippen st.	Bed and clothing.	Carelessness.		
" 17	2	No. 255 Market st. below Third.	Some cotton yarn in a dry goods store.	"		
" 18	2	E. side of Second bel. Arch st.	Clothing around a stove.	"		
" 18	2	Montgomery st. and Juniper.	Shavings in a cellar.	"		
" 19	1	Arsenal wharf, Schuylkill.	Counting house.	Incendiarism.	150	
" 20	3	Wood st. wharf.	Wagon grease and oil factory, stock, &c.	Accidental.	700	60
" 21	5	Hall's farm, Holmesburg.	A lot of pot rails.	Incendiarism.		50
" 22	6	Fisher's lane.	Brick dwelling.	"	200	
" 22	2	Alarm, caused by the burning of some barrels on the Schuylkill, at Market st.				

OF FIRES, LOSSES, &c., &c.—CONTINUED.

OWNERS OF REAL ESTATE.	OWNERS OF PERSONAL ESTATE.	INSURANCE ON		WHERE INSURED.	REMARKS.
		Real Estate	Personal Estate.		
Thomas P. Beck.	Clark Smith	\$75		Franklin.	
Edmund Yard.	Elizabeth Weaver.	75		Franklin.	[fling. Damage tri- Do. Do.
The City of Philadelphia.	T. B. Peterson, William H. Sickles, E. Gaskill, Dubosq & Carrow, D. P. Dietrich, J. M. Harper, P. Abel.	17,000	37 000	Fire Association, Contribution, Franklin, Quaker City, Independent, Mutual, Royal, Green Tree, State Mutual, Pennsylvania, Manufacturers', Delaware Mutual, Farmers' and Mechanics', Howard.	Do. Do.
	John Gibb.			No insurance.	
Mr. Smaltz.	William Quinn.	200	175	Franklin, Mutual, Live Stock.	
David Adams.	David Adams.		300	Jefferson.	
Meaney's Estate and Mrs. William Masgrove.	William Tate and J. J. Duncan.	125	250	Fire Association, Commonwealth, and Penna.	
John M. Ford.	Lippincott, Coffin & Co.	1800	30 000	Pennsylvania, Franklin, Royal, Etna, Hartford, N. America, Del. Mutual.	
Robert Taylor.	Robert Taylor.			No insurance.	
David Winebrenner.	L. A. Godey.	50	1200	Pennsylvania, N. America, and Fire Association	
Matthias Gorgas.	Matthias Gorgas.			No insurance.	
Mockey's Estate.	William H. Seibert.	25	1800	F. Asso'n, Merchants' & Mechanics' Franklin.	
James D. Shaw.		200			
Samuel Smith.	J. Wettenweiller.	75	100	Hand-in-Hand, Farmers' and Mechanics'.	Do. Do. Do.
					Do. Do.
John Sherry.				No insurance.	
R. S. Hubbard & Co.	R. S. Hubbard & Co.	250	250	Royal.	
				No insurance.	
Mr. Denat.					

STATEMENT

DATE. 1857.	DISTRICT.	LOCATION.	AMOUNT AND KIND OF PROPERTY.	CAUSE.	LOSS	
					Real Es- tate.	Per- sonal Prop- erty.
Feb'y 23	1	Alarm, caused by the burning	of clothing in a dwelling in Wood-	bine street.		
" 23	1	Alarm, caused by the issuing of	some smoke from Stein's Mill, Fe-	deral and Sixth sts.		
" 25	4	Phoenix street.	Shuttle manufactory, shuttles.	Unknown.		
" 25	1	N. side of South West of Broad.	Stable, two horses, stock and	Incendiarism.	\$50	
" 28	3	N. side of Vine bet. 11th and 12th	[sts. gears.	Unknown.		
" 28	2	Water above Chestnut.	Rubbish in a cellar.	Carelessness.		
" 28	2	Alarm, caused by a light South	West from the City.			
March 1	1	Alarm, caused by the State	House bell; box No. 16 broken	open.		
" 1	1	No. 835 Lombard street.	Rubbish in a brick building.	Carelessness.		
" 2	3	Old York Road near Wood st.	Shavings in a frame manufactory.	Unknown.		
" 3	1	Marion street below Second.	Carpenter shop and stable.	Accidental.	25	
" 3	1	Rose street below Shippen.	Rubbish and clothing.	Carelessness.	25	
" 6	2	S. W. cor. of Locust & Mercer sts	Portion of a bake house.	Accidental.		
" 7	3	Lybrand bet. Race and Vine sts.	Sheds and stable.	Incendiarism.	150	
" 7	2	No. 169 Spruce street.	Bed clothing, etc.	Accidental.		
" 8	6	Germantown Road, Nicetown.	Steam keg manufactory.	Incendiarism.	1200	
" 8	3	No. 84 Dillwyn street.	Clothing, etc.	Accidental.		
" 12	3	Nixon st. below Callowhill.	Stone stable.	Incendiarism.	75	
" 12	2	Filbert W. of Twenty-first.	Carpenter shop.	Incendiarism.	50	
" 13	5	Frankford R. and Stanhouse Hill	Omnibus.	Accidental.		
" 14	7	Market near Mary street.	Wagon load of hay.	Incendiarism.		
" 14	3	Randolph Court ab. Second st.	Brass foundry.	Carelessness.	100	
" 14	4	Olive st. E. of Twelfth.	Carpenter shop.	Incendiarism.	75	
" 17	1	Alarm.	Bonfire.			
" 18	4	Selbert st. E. of Sixteenth.	Bed and clothing.	Carelessness.		
" 18	1	Reckless street.	Roof of a dwelling.	Accidental.	25	
" 18	2	Filbert st. above Fifteenth.	Roof (a portion) of a dwelling.	Accidental.		
" 18	2	Alarm.	From box No. 128.			
" 18	2	Chimney.				
" 19	1	Chimney.				
" 20	2	No. 28 North Water street.	Oil cloth coats, old lumber, etc.	Incendiarism.	55	
" 20	1	Christian street wharf.	Counting-house.			
" 21	2	Alarm.				
" 21	3	Alarm.				
" 22	7	Market and Mary streets.	Stables and gears.	Incendiarism.	6500	1
" 22	1	S. W. cor. of 7th & Dickinson sts	Bed and bedding.	Carelessness.		
" 23	1	Spanish brig. lying at the foot of		Carelessness.		10
" 23	1	South st. wharf, Delaware.				
" 23	1	N. E. corner of Front and South	Roofs of two three-story brick	Defect in the flue.		
" 23	4	E. side of 3d st. above Brown.	dwellings.			
" 23	2	Alarm.	Lager beer brewery.	Defect in the flue.	25	
" 25	1	Point House Road.	Barn, stock, etc.	Incendiarism.		
" 26	6	Holmesburg Crystal Spring.	Ten-pin alley.	Incendiarism.	500	
" 27	2	Twelfth street below Arch.	Unoccupied brick dwelling.	Incendiarism.		
" 27	1	Passyunk R. near Federal st.	Frame dwelling.	Incendiarism.		
" 28	1	German street below Third.	An old shanty.	Incendiarism.		
" 28	7	Bridgewater st. above Market.	Stable.	Incendiarism.		
" 29	4	Alarm.				
" 29	1	Penn street below Almond.	Stable.	Incendiarism.		
" 30	2	Arch near Ninth.	School room, floor.	Defect in the flue.		

OF FIRES, LOSSES, &c., &c.—CONCLUDED.

OWNERS OF REAL ESTATE.	OWNERS OF PERSONAL ESTATE.	INSURANCE ON		WHERE INSURED.	REMARKS.
		Real Estate	Personal Estate.		
James Dougherty.	James Dougherty.			No insurance.	[ding. Damage tri-
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Mr. Cozens.	Robert Ferguson.			No insurance. No insurance.	Do. Do.
William Crawford & Son.	William Crawford & Son.			No insurance. No insurance.	Do. Do.
Ridgway Estate.	Henry Smith.			No insurance. No insurance. No insurance.	Do.
John Kelly. John Donigal.	William List & Co.			No insurance. No insurance. No insurance.	
Reckless Estate. William Adams.				No insurance. Fire Association.	
City of Philadelphia.	H. Coleman.	\$55	\$300	Reliance and Assurance, Spring Garden.	Do.
Robert Buchanan.	Cunningham & Fluty, Wm. Gill.	2000		Spring Garden. No insurance.	
Dr. John Gegan, Jno. Wright.		200			
Charles Elliot.	Philip Deckert.	25	50	Fire Association, Alliance.	
Sarah Crispin.				No insurance.	Do. Do. Do. Do. Do.

RECAPITULATION.

MONTHS.	FIRES.								Loss on Real Estate.	Loss on Personal Estate.	Total Loss.	Insurance on Real Estate.	Insurance on Personal Estate.	Total on Insurance.	Loss on Real Estate over Insurance.	Loss on Personal Estate over Insurance.	Total Loss over Insurance.
	1st District.	2d District.	3d District.	4th District.	5th District.	6th District.	7th District.	Total.									
1857.																	
January,	8 15	9 12	2 1	1 1	1 48	1	50 38	39,825	118,075	157,900	29,225	73,295	102,520	10,600	44,780	55,380	
February,	4 9	3 3	1 2	1 23	8 0	25 19	6,200	6,200	41,040	47,240	2,725	34,075	36,800	3,475	6,965	10,440	
March,	12 7	5 3	2 1	3 33	7 2	41 25	8,805	8,805	5,175	13,980	2,080	350	2,430	6,725	4,825	11,550	
Total,	24 31	17 18	5 4	5 104	18 3	116 82	54,830	164,220	219,120	34,030	107,720	141,750	20,800	56,570	77,370		

LOSS AND INSURANCE BY THE SEVEN DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	Loss.	Insurance.	Loss over Insurance.
First Fire District, -	\$ 11,723	\$ 8,433	\$ 3,290
Second do. -	155,007	116,247	38,760
Third do. -	3,145	970	2,175
Fourth do. -	19,150	8,700	10,450
Fifth do. -	1,750		1,750
Sixth do. -	19,970	5,400	14,570
Seventh do. -	8,375	2,000	6,375
Total,	\$219,120	\$141,750	\$ 77,370

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Yours, very respectfully,

S. P. FEARON,

Chief Engineer of the Philadelphia Fire Department.

Sworn and Subscribed before me, this ninth day of April, A. D. 1857.

WILLIAMS OGLE,
Alderman.

DATE.	Dis	LOCATION.	REMARKS.
1857.			
Jan. 1	4	Broad and Wallace Sts.	Present.
" 2	2	Chesnut Street below 8th,	do.
" 3	1	Thirteenth and Federal Sts.	do.
" 3	1	East side of Second and South Sts.	do.
" 4	6	Mason's Factory at Manayunk,	Out.
" 4	4	So. side of Scibert St. ab. 22d,	Present.
" 5	2	So. side of Market ab. 9th,	Present.
" 6	3	Perry St. ab. Race,	Not alarmed.
" 6	4	Perry St. above Jefferson,	Present.
" 8	2	Nos. 159 & 161 So 5th St.	Present.
" 8	3	North side of Noble ab. 8th St.	Not alarmed.
" 8	2	No. 92 North Water Street,	Out.
" 8	3	Wood near 16th Street,	Not alarmed.
" 10	2	No. 750 Market St. below 18th,	Present.
" 10	3	North side of Race below 3d St.	Present.
" 11	5	Rail Road, near Tacony,	Not alarmed.
" 12	7	Till above Market Street,	Present.
" 12	4	N. E Cor. of Ridge R. & Wallace,	do.
" 12	2	Rear of Market above 23d,	do.
" 12	2	N. W. cor. of Beach and Locust,	do.

DATE.	Dis	LOCATION	REMARKS.
1857.			
Jan. 13	1	S. W. cor. of Bank and Beach,	Present.
" 13	5	Print Works, Frankford,	Not alarmed.
" 14	1	Gray's Ferry Road & Federal st.	Present.
" 16	3	S. E. cor. of 10th and Vine streets,	do.
" 17	1	Long Lane and Buck Road,	do.
" 17	1	Bedford street below 7th,	Present.
" 18	4	N. W. cor. Broad & Wallace sts.	do.
" 18	1	Alarm,	Out.
" 18	4	Frankford Road and Harrison st.	Out.
" 18	4	Eleventh and Oxford streets,	Present.
" 19	2	S. W. cor. 18th and Chesnut sts.	
" 22	4	Mechanic ab. Girard Avenue,	<div> Confined to my dwelling on account of injuries re- ceived by the falling of the church wall, Eleventh and Oxford Sts. </div>
" 22	2	Cherry ab. 4th,	
" 22	4	E. side of Hope ab. Jefferson st.	
" 24	3	S. side Callowhill bet. 22d & 23d.	
" 24	2	Chimney,	
" 24	4	Franklin above Master street,	
" 24	2	S. side Cherry bet. 5th and 6th,	
" 25	3	E. side of 10th ab. Race streets,	
" 26	3	No. 247 N. Front street,	Out.
" 26	4	N. W. cor. of 4th and Maria sts.	Not alarmed.
" 27	2	Bread and Fetter Lane,	do.
" 27	3	Quiggs Court, 11th & Buttonwood,	do.
" 28	1	George street above Monroe,	do.
" 28	2	Nos. 102 & 104 Chesnut street,	Present.
" 29	2	No. 473 Race Street,	At above fire.
" 29	4	Anthracite and Huntingdon streets,	do.
" 30	2	Nos. 102 and 104 Chestnut street,	Indisposed.
" 30	1	W. side of Fifth below Shippen st.	Present.
" 31	1	Alarm,	Not alarmed.
" 31	1	Alarm,	do.
Feb. 1	4	North side of Parrish near 15th,	do.
" 1	4	S. E. cor. Rachel and Laurel sts.	Present.
" 3	3	Pegg and Newmarket streets,	do.
" 4	2	N. side of Spruce near 10th street,	do.
" 6	2	W. side of Third below Arch street,	do.
" 7	2	Alarm,	Not alarmed.
" 7	2	Alarm,	Out.
" 8	7	West Minster av. and Havfd. Road,	Not alarmed.
" 8	2	N. side of Chesnut bel. 3d street,	Present.
" 10	6	Wissahickon and Gorgas Lane,	Not alarmed.
" 10	2	W. side of Second below Arch,	Present.

DATE.	Dis	LOCATION.	REMARKS.
1857.			
Feb. 14	1	W. side of Ashton bel. Spruce st.	Present.
" 14	2	Nos. 19 and 21 Arch street,	do.
" 14	2	Alarm,	do.
" 15	3	Pearl street, E. of 23d street,	do.
" 15	1	W. side of 7th bel. Shippen street,	do.
" 17	2	No. 255 Market street bel. 3d,	do.
" 18	2	E. side of 2d below Arch,	do.
" 18	2	Montgomery street and Juniper,	do.
" 19	1	Arsenal Wharf, Schuylkill,	do.
" 19	3	Alarm,	Not alarmed.
" 20	3	Wood street wharf, Schuylkill,	Present.
" 21	5	Hall's farm, Holmesburg,	Not alarmed.
" 22	6	Fisher's Lane,	Present.
" 22	2	Alarm,	Out.
" 23	1	Alarm,	Not alarmed.
" 23	1	Alarm,	do.
" 25	4	Phoenix street,	Not alarmed.
" 25	1	N. side of South, West of Broad,	Present.
" 28	3	N. side of Vine, bet. 11th and 12th,	do.
" 28	2	Water above Chesnut,	Not alarmed.
" 28	2	Alarm,	Out.
March 1	1	Alarm,	Out.
" 1	1	No. 835 Lombard street,	Present.
" 2	3	Old York, near Wood street,	Abs. from city.
" 3	1	Marion street below 2d,	Present.
" 3	1	Rose street below Shippen street,	do.
" 6	2	S. W. cor. of Locust & Mercer Sts.	do.
" 7	3	Librand St., bet. Race & Vine,	do.
" 7	2	No. 169 Spruce street,	Not alarmed.
" 8	6	Germantown road & Nicetown lane,	Present.
" 8	3	No. 84 Dillwyn,	Not alarmed.
" 12	3	Nixon below Callowhill streets,	Present,
" 12	2	Filbert street above 22d,	do.
" 14	7	Market street, near Mary,	do.
" 14	3	Randolph Court,	do.
" 14	4	Olive street, east of 12th,	do.
" 17	1	Alarm,	Out.
" 18	4	Seibert street, east of 16th,	Present.
" 18	1	Reckless street,	At fire, Filbert St.
" 18	2	Filbert street above 16th street,	Present.
" 18	2	Alarm,	Out.
" 18	2	Chimney,	Out.

DATE.	Dis	LOCATION.	REMARKS.
1857.			
March 19	1	Chimney,	Out.
" 20	2	No. 28 north Water street,	Present.
" 21	1	Christian street wharf,	Not alarmed.
" 21	2	Alarm,	do.
" 21	3	Alarm,	do.
" 22	7	Market street, near Mary,	Present.
" 22	1	Seventh & Dickinson streets,	do.
" 23	1	Wharf below South street,	do.
" 23	1	N. E. cor. of Front & South Sts.	do.
" 23	4	E. side of 3d below Brown street,	Not alarmed.
" 23	2	Alarm,	Out.
" 25	1	Point House road,	Out.
" 26	6	Holmesburg,	Not alarmed.
" 27	2	12th street below Arch,	do.
" 27	1	Passyunk road & Federal street,	do.
" 28	1	German street below 3d,	do.
" 28	7	Bridgewater St. bel. Market St.	Out.
" 29	4	Alarm,	Out.
" 29	1	Penn street below Almond,	Not alarmed.
" 30	2	Arch, near 9th street,	Present.

(No. 3.)

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Yours, respectfully,

WILLIAM E. STANCLIFF,

*Assistant Engineer of the First Division of the Philadelphia
Fire Department.*

Sworn and subscribed before me, this ninth day of April, A. D. 1857.

WILLIAMS OGLE,
Alderman.

DATE.	Dis	LOCATION.	REMARKS.
1857.			
Jan. 1	4	Broad and Wallace streets,	Present.
" 2	2	Chestnut below 8th streets,	do.
" 3	1	Thirteenth and Federal streets,	At next fire.
" 3	1	E. side of 2d, abv. South street,	Present.
" 4	6	Mason's Factory, at Manayunk,	Out.
" 4	4	S. side of Seibert, above 22d,	Out.
" 5	2	S. side of Market, above 9th,	Present.
" 6	3	Cherry street above Race,	Out.
" 6	4	Perry above Jefferson street,	Present.
" 8	2	Nos. 159 and 161 S. 5th street,	do.
" 8	3	N. side of Noble above 8th street,	No al. f'm State H.
" 8	2	No. 92 north Water street,	Out.
" 8	3	Wood street, near 16th,	No al. f'm State H.
" 10	2	No. 750 Market street, bel. 18th,	Present.
" 10	3	N. side of Race St. bel. 3d,	do.
" 11	5	Railroad, near Tacony,	Not alarmed.
" 12	7	Till above Market,	Present.
" 12	4	N. E. cor. Ridge road and Wallace,	do.
" 12	2	Rear of Market, abv. 23d St.	do.
" 12	2	N. E. cor. of Beach and Locust Sts.	do.
" 13	1	S. W. cor. of Pine and Beach Sts.	do.
" 13	5	Print Works, Frankford,	Not alarmed.
" 14	1	Gray's Ferry road and Federal St	Present.
" 16	3	N. E. cor. of 10th and Vine Sts.	do.
" 17	1	Long lane and Buck road,	do.
" 17	1	Bedford below 7th,	do.
" 18	4	N. E. cor. of Broad and Wallace Sts.	do.
" 18	1	Alarm,	Out.
" 18	4	Frankford road and Harrison St.	Out.
" 18	4	Eleventh and Oxford Sts.	Out.
" 19	2	S. W. cor. of 18th and Chestnut Sts.	Not alarmed.
" 22	4	Mechanic abv. Girard avenue,	Present.
" 22	2	Cherry street above 4th,	do.
" 22	4	E. side of Hope, abv. Jefferson St.	do.
" 24	3	S. side of Callowhill, bet. 22d & 23d,	do.
" 24	2	Chimney,	do.
" 24	4	Franklin abv. Master St.	do.
" 24	2	S. side of Cherry, bet. 5th & 6th sts.	do.
" 25	3	E. side of 10th, abv. Race St.	do.
" 26	3	No. 247 N. Front street,	do.
" 26	4	N. W. cor. of Fourth and Maria sts.	Not alarmed.
" 27	2	Bread street and Fetter's lane,	Present.

DATE.	Dis	LOCATION.	REMARKS.
1857.			
Jan. 27	3	Quigg's court, 11th and Buttonwood,	Present.
" 28	1	George St. above Monroe,	do.
" 28	2	Nos. 102 and 104 Chestnut St.	do.
" 29	2	No. 472 Race street,	At Ches't St. fire.
" 29	4	Anthracite and Huntingdon Sts.	do.
" 30	2	Nos. 102 and 104 Chestnut street,	Present.
" 30	1	W. side of 5th bel. Shippen St.	do.
" 31	1	Alarm,	Out.
" 31	1	Alarm,	Out.
Feb. 1	4	N. side of Parrish St., near 15th,	Present.
" 1	4	S. E. cor. of Laurel and Rachel Sts.	do.
" 3	3	Pegg and New Market streets,	do.
" 4	2	N. side of Spruce, near 10th street,	do.
" 6	2	W. side of 3d below Arch street,	do.
" 7	2	Alarm,	Out.
" 7	2	Alarm,	Out.
" 8	7	W. Minster av. and Haverford road,	Not alarmed.
" 8	2	N. side of Chestnut St. bel. 4th,	Present.
" 10	6	Wissahickon & Gorgas lanes,	Not alarmed.
" 10	2	W. side of 2d, below Arch street,	Present.
" 14	1	W. side of Ashton, bel. Spruce St.	do.
" 14	2	Nos. 19 and 21 Arch street,	do.
" 14	2	Alarm,	do.
" 15	3	Pearl, east of 23d street,	do.
" 15	1	W. side of 7th, bel. Shippen street,	do.
" 17	2	No. 255 Market St. bel. 3d,	do.
" 18	2	E. side of 2d below Arch street,	do.
" 18	2	Montgomery St. and Juniper,	Out.
" 19	1	Arsenal wharf, Schuylkill,	Present.
" 19	3	Alarm,	Not alarmed.
" 20	3	Wood St. wharf, Schuylkill,	Present.
" 21	5	Hall's farm, Holmesburg,	Not alarmed
" 22	6	Fisher's lanc,	Out.
" 22	2	Alarm,	Out.
" 23	1	Alarm,	Out.
" 23	1	Alarm,	Out.
" 25	4	Phoenix street,	Out.
" 25	1	N. side of S. W. of Broad street,	Present.
" 28	3	N. side of Vine, bet. 11th and 12th,	do.
" 28	2	Water, above Chestnut street,	do.
" 28	2	Alarm,	Out.
March 1	1	Alarm,	Out.

DATE.	Dis	LOCATION.	REMARKS.
1857.			
March 1	1	No. 835 Lombard street,	Out.
" 2	3	Old York road, near Wood street,	Abs. from city.
" 3	1	Marion St. below 2d street,	Present.
" 3	1	Rose St. below Shippen street,	Not alarmed.
" 6	2	S. W. cor. of Locust & Mercer Sts.	do.
" 7	3	Lybrand St., bet. Race & Vine Sts.	Not alarmed.
" 7	2	No. 169 Spruce street,	Present.
" 8	6	Germantown road & Nicetown lane,	Present.
" 8	3	No. 84 Dillwyn street,	Not alarmed.
" 12	3	Nixon St. below Callowhill street,	Present.
" 12	2	Fibert St. above 22d,	do.
" 14	7	Market, near Mary street,	do.
" 14	3	Randolph court,	do.
" 14	4	Olive St., east of 12th street,	do.
" 17	1	Alarm,	Out.
" 18	4	Seibert street, east of 16th street,	Present.
" 18	1	Reckless street,	do.
" 18	2	Filbert, above 16th,	At fire Reckless st.
" 18	2	Alarm,	Out.
" 18	2	Chimney,	Out.
" 19	1	Chimney,	Out.
" 20	2	No. 28 north Water street,	Present.
" 20	1	Christian street wharf,	do.
" 21	2	Alarm,	Not alarmed.
" 21	3	Alarm,	Out.
" 22	7	Market street, near Mary,	Present.
" 22	1	Seventh & Dickinson streets,	do.
" 23	1	Wharf below South street,	do.
" 23	1	N. E. cor. of Front & South streets,	do.
" 23	4	E. side of Third, abv. Brown St.	Out at al., 2d Dist.
" 23	2	Alarm,	Out.
" 25	1	Point House road,	Present.
" 26	6	Holmesburg,	Not alarmed.
" 27	2	12th street below Arch,	Out.
" 27	1	Passyunk road and Federal street,	Present.
" 28	1	German street below 3d,	do.
" 28	7	Bridgewater street below Market,	At above fire.
" 29	4	Alarm,	Out.
" 29	1	Penn street below Almond,	Present.

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D. M. LYLE,

Assistant Engineer of the Second Division of the Philad'a Fire Department.

Sworn and Subscribed before me, this ninth day of April, A. D. 1857.

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DATE.	Dis	LOCATION.	REMARKS.
1857.			
Jan. 1	4	Broad and Wallace Sts.	Present.
" 2	2	Chesnut Street below 8th,	Sick.
" 3	1	Thirteenth and Federal Sts.	do.
" 3	1	East side of Second and South Sts.	do.
" 4	6	Mason's Factory at Manayunk,	Not alarmed.
" 4	4	So. side of Seibert St. ab. 22d,	Present.
" 5	2	So. side of Market ab. 9th,	do.
" 6	3	Perry St. ab. Race,	do.
" 6	4	Perry St. above Jefferson,	do.
" 8	2	Nos. 159 & 161 So 5th St.	do.
" 8	3	North side of Noble ab. 8th St.	do.
" 8	2	No. 92 North Water Street,	do.
" 8	3	Wood near 16th Street,	do.
" 10	2	No. 750 Market St. below 18th,	do.
" 10	3	North side of Race below 3d St.	do.
" 11	5	Rail Road, near Tacony,	Not alarmed.
" 12	7	Till above Market Street,	Present.
" 12	4	N. E. Cor. of Ridge R. & Wallace,	do.
" 12	2	Rear of Market above 23d,	do.
" 12	2	N. W. cor. of Beach and Locust,	do.

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1857.			
Jan. 13	1	S. W. cor. of Bank and Beach,	Present.
" 13	5	Print Works, Frankford,	Not alarmed.
" 14	1	Gray's Ferry Road & Federal st.	Present.
" 16	3	S. E. cor. of 10th and Vine streets,	do
" 17	1	Long Lane and Buck Road,	do
" 17	1	Bedford street below 7th,	do
" 18	4	N. W. cor. Broad & Wallace sts.	do
" 18	1	Alarm.	Not alarmed.
" 18	4	Frankford Road and Harrison st.	Present.
" 18	4	Eleventh and Oxford streets,	do.
" 19	2	S. W. cor. 18th and Chesnut sts.	Not alarmed.
" 22	4	Mechanic ab. Girard Avenue,	Present.
" 22	2	Cherry ab. 4th,	do.
" 22	4	E. side of Hope ab. Jefferson st.	do.
" 24	3	S. side Callowhill bet. 22d & 23d.	Abs. from city.
" 24	2	Chimney,	Present.
" 24	4	Franklin above Master street,	do
" 24	2	S. side Cherry bet. 5th and 6th,	do
" 25	3	E. side of 10th ab. Race streets,	do
" 26	3	No. 247 N. Front street,	do
" 26	4	N. W. cor. of 4th and Maria sts.	do
" 27	2	Bread and Fetter Lane,	do
" 27	3	Quigg's Court, 11th & Buttonwood,	do
" 28	1	George street above Monroe,	Not alarmed.
" 28	2	Nos. 102 & 104 Chesnut street,	Present.
" 29	2	No. 473 Race Street,	At Ches't St. fire.
" 29	4	Anthracite and Huntingdon streets,	do
" 30	2	Nos. 102 and 104 Chestnut street,	Present.
" 30	1	W. side of Fifth below Shippen st.	do.
" 31	1	Alarm,	Not alarmed.
" 31	1	Alarm,	do
Feb. 1	4	North side of Parrish near 15th,	Present.
" 1	4	S. E. cor. Rachel and Laurel sts.	do
" 3	3	Pegg and Newmarket streets,	do
" 4	2	N. side of Spruce near 10th street,	do
" 6	2	W. side of Third below Arch street,	No al. f'm State H.
" 7	2	Alarm,	Present.
" 7	2	Alarm,	do.
" 8	7	West Minster av. and Havfd. Road,	Not alarmed.
" 8	2	N. side of Chesnut bel. 3d street,	Present.
" 10	6	Wissahickon and Gorgas Lane,	Not alarmed.
" 10	2	W. side of Second below Arch,	Present.

DATE.	Dis	LOCATION.	REMARKS.
1857.			
Feb. 14	1	W. side of Ashton bel. Spruce st.	Present.
" 14	2	Nos. 19 and 21 Arch street,	do
" 14	2	Alarm,	do
" 15	3	Pearl street, E. of 23d street,	do
" 15	1	W. side of 7th bel. Shippen street,	Not alarmed.
" 17	2	No. 255 Market street bel. 3d,	Present.
" 18	2	E. side of 2d below Arch,	do
" 18	2	Montgomery street and Juniper,	do
" 19	1	Arsenal Wharf, Schuylkill,	do
" 19	3	Alarm,	Not alarmed.
" 20	3	Wood street wharf, Schuylkill,	Present.
" 21	5	Hall's farm, Holmesburg,	Not alarmed.
" 22	6	Fisher's Lane,	Present.
" 22	2	Alarm,	Out.
" 23	1	Alarm,	Not alarmed.
" 23	1	Alarm,	do.
" 25	4	Phoenix street,	Present.
" 25	1	N. side of South, West of Broad,	do.
" 28	3	N. side of Vine, bet. 11th and 12th,	Sick.
" 28	2	Water above Chesnut,	Not alarmed.
" 28	2	Alarm,	Out.
March 1	1	Alarm,	Out.
" 1	1	No. 835 Lombard street,	Present.
" 2	3	Old York, near Wood street,	do.
" 3	1	Marion street below 2d,	Absent from City.
" 3	1	Rose street below Shippen street,	do
" 6	2	S. W. cor. of Locust & Mercer Sts.	do
" 7	3	Librand St., bet. Race & Vine,	Present.
" 7	2	No. 169 Spruce street,	Not alarmed.
" 8	6	Germantown road & Nicetown lane,	Present.
" 8	3	No. 84 Dillwyn,	do.
" 12	3	Nixon below Callowhill streets,	do.
" 12	2	Filbert street above 22d,	do.
" 14	7	Market street, near Mary,	Sick.
" 14	3	Randolph Court,	do.
" 14	4	Olive street, east of 12th,	Present.
" 17	1	Alarm,	Out.
" 18	4	Seibert street, east of 16th,	Present.
" 18	1	Reckless street.	At fire 16 & Filb.
" 18	2	Filbert street above 16th street,	Present.
" 18	2	Alarm,	Out.
" 18	2	Chimney,	Out.

DATE.	Dis	LOCATION.	REMARKS.
1857.			
March 19	1	Chimney,	Out.
" 20	2	No. 28 north Water street,	Present.
" 21	1	Christian street wharf,	Not alarmed
" 21	2	Alarm,	Out.
" 21	3	Alarm,	Out.
" 22	7	Market street, near Mary,	Present.
" 22	1	Seventh & Dickinson streets,	do.
" 23	1	Wharf below South street,	do.
" 23	1	N. E. cor. of Front & South Sts.	do.
" 23	4	E. side of 3d below Brown street,	do.
" 23	2	Alarm,	do.
" 25	1	Point House road,	do.
" 26	5	Holmesburg,	Not alarmed.
" 27	2	12th street below Arch,	Present.
" 27	1	Passyunk road & Federal street,	Not alarmed.
" 28	1	German street below 3d,	do.
" 28	7	Bridgewater St. bel. Market St.	do.
" 29	4	Alarm,	Out.
" 29	1	Penn street below Almond,	Not alarmed.
" 30	2	Arch, near 9th street,	Present.

(No. 5.)

*To the Honorable the Members of the Select and
Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN: Agreeably to the 16th Section of the Supplement to an Ordinance, approved January 30, 1855, entitled "An Ordinance to re-organize the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia," I herewith transmit to your honorable bodies a list of the fires that I have attended during the quarter ending March 31, 1857: also with the cause of absence from those I did not attend.

Yours, respectfully,

W. H. LOUGHEAD,

*Assistant Engineer of the Third Division of the Philadelphia
Fire Department.*

Sworn and subscribed before me, this first day of
April, A. D. 1857.

WILLIAMS OGLE,
Alderman.

DATE.	Dis	LOCATION.	REMARKS.
1857.			
Jan. 11	5	Railroad, near Tacony,	Present
" 13	5	Print Works, Frankford,	Present
Feb. 21	5	Hall's farm, Holmesburg,	Present
March 26	5	Holmesburg,	Present
" 28	5	Pine Street,, Frankford,	Present
" 30	5	Holmesburg,	Not alarmed.
" 31	5	Alarm,	Out.

(6.)

*To the Honorable the Members of the Select
and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN: Agreeably to the 16th Section of the Supplement to an Ordinance, approved January 30, 1855, entitled "An Ordinance to re-organize the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia," I herewith transmit to your honorable bodies a list of the fires that I have attended during the quarter ending March 31, 1857: also with the cause of absence from those I did not attend.

Yours, very respectfully,
MICHAEL YOUNG,

Assisant Engineer of the Fourth Division of the Philad'a Fire Department.

Sworn and subscribed before me, this second day of April, A. D. 1857.

WILLIAMS OGLE,
Alderman.

DATE.	Dis	LOCATION.	REMARKS.
1857.			
Jan. 4	6	Mason's Factory, at Manayunk,	Not alarmed.
Feb. 10	6	Wissahickon & Gorgas lanes,	do.
" 22	6	Fisher's lane,	Present.
March 8	6	Germantown road & Nicetown lane,	do.

(7.)

*To the Honorable the Members of the Select
and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN: Agreeably to the 16th Section of the Supplement to an Ordinance, approved January 30, 1855, entitled "An Ordinance to re-organize the Fire Department of the City of Philadelphia," I herewith transmit to your honorable bodies a list of the fires that I have attended during the quarter ending March 31, 1857: also with the cause of absence from those I did not attend.

Yours, very respectfully,

JOHN GIVEN,

Assistant Engineer of the Fifth Division of the Philad'a Fire Department.

Sworn and subscribed before me, this ninth day of April, A. D. 1857.

WILLIAMS OGLE,

Alderman.

DATE.	Dis	LOCATION.	REMARKS.
1857.			
Jan. 1	4	Broad and Wallace streets,	Present
" 12	7	Till above Market,	do
" 12	2	N. E. cor. of Beach and Locust Sts.	do
" 13	1	S. W. cor. of Pine and Beach Sts.	do
" 22	2	S. side of Cherry, above 4th sts.	do
" 24	3	S. side of Callowhill, bet. 22d & 23d,	Out.
" 28	2	Nos. 102 and 104 Chestnut St.	Present.
" 29	2	No. 472 Race street,	At above fire.
" 29	4	Anthracite and Huntingdon Sts.	do.
Feb. 3	3	Pegg and New Market streets,	Present.
" 8	7	W. Minster av. and Haverford road,	Out.
" 8	2	N. side of Chestnut St. bel. 4th,	do.
" 14	1	W. side of Ashton below Spruce,	Present.
" 20	3	Wood St. wharf, Schuylkill,	do
March 14	7	Market street, near Mary,	do
" 22	7	Market and Mary,	do
" 25	1	Point House road,	Out.

APPENDIX No. 241.

ASSESSMENT OF PHILADELPHIA CITY FOR 1857.

WARDS.	REAL ESTATE.	MONEYS AT INTEREST, &c.	FURNITURE	HORSES AND COWS.	CARRIAGES.	EMOLUMENTS OF OFFICE.	GOLD LEVERS.	PLAIN GOLD AND SILVER LEVERS.	PERSONAL TAX.
First Ward,	\$4,478,397	\$500	\$2000	\$30,935	\$1905		\$7		\$1271 50
Second Ward,	3,050,646	12,050	1200	12,003	280		10	\$10	1338 25
Third Ward,	2,456,780	2066	600	1780	180		7	6	849 50
Fourth Ward,	2,841,356		1800	3475	450		12		908 25
Fifth Ward,	13,325,218	5,312,607	171,840	14,910	14,685	\$9200	332	2	828 00
Sixth Ward,	21,108,910	606,200	43,550	7775	5500	8000	152	9	916 25
Seventh Ward,	7,036,348	717,926	237,375	14,165	9855	21,200	177	189	1180 50
Eighth Ward,	12,616,063	2,794,030	619,750	46,195	33,828	21,200	835	21	844 75
Ninth Ward,	10,698,218	1,961,687	330,150	28,110	17,375	4000	494	9	1021 75
Tenth Ward,	7,853,631	1,247,607	241,900	35,510	28,250	12,400	316	21	1069 50
Eleventh Ward,	4,449,677	120,593	4400	10,450	2790		12	4	877 00
Twelfth Ward,	4,507,775	316,811	58,400	7880	5220	300	127	45	51 830 00
Thirteenth Ward,	4,955,755	153,555	61,190	10,315	5775		114	77	1057 00
Fourteenth Ward,	4,987,455	96,916	46,710	17,220	6280		150	28	1105 50
Fifteenth Ward,	6,176,679	22,932	35,650	22,320	3720	700	20	50	1344 00
Sixteenth Ward,	2,853,845	2850	3800	10,440	800		33	1	1020 00
Seventeenth Ward,	2,291,229		300	5070	700		18		1189 00
Eighteenth Ward,	2,723,975	1450	1900	9950	980		7	11	983 25
Nineteenth Ward,	5,107,010	5000	700	19,040	1770		3		1526 50
Twentieth Ward,	5,029,000	43,600	12,400	24,415	3460		20	3	1132 50
Twenty-first Ward,	3,052,204	171,162	19,500	32,689	10,600	6700	63	27	723 25
Twenty-second Ward,	3,961,944	806,436	59,200	44,735	23,920	12,400	87	33	1222 00
Twenty-third Ward,	4,743,048	469,560	19,980	74,800	10,165		87	33	948 25
Twenty-fourth Ward,	5,091,307	260,088	27,000	80,805	11,386	11,500	245	77	805 25
	\$144,918,430	\$15,082,286	\$2,001,295	\$569,447	\$199,808	\$107,600	\$3247	\$779	\$75 \$25,181 75

We certify that the above is a correct copy of the Assessment of the City of Philadelphia, for the year 1857.

A. MUCH.
G. M. HILL, } City Commissioners.
J. M. LEDDY, }

April 2, 1857.

ASSESSMENT OF RURAL PROPERTY, CITY OF PHILADELPHIA.

WARDS.	PRECINCTS.	Rate last year.	Real estate.	Furniture	HorsesCows	Carriages	Total.
1st Ward,	First Precinct,		1,000,121	1,000	14,300	860	1,016,281
21st Ward,			756,524	6,950	15,255	4,915	783,644
22d Ward,	1st, 2d & 7th Precincts,	\$1.13	1,839,749	23,450	41,230	14,730	1,919,159
22d Ward,	3d, 4th, 5th & 6th “	\$1.77	2,069,583	42,050	26,200	13,870	2,151,703
23d Ward,	1st & 2d Divisions,		4,337,593	21,900	62,055	9,575	4,431,123
24th Ward,			75,998				75,998
Total.			10,079,568	95,350	159,040	43,950	10,377,988

A. MUCH,
G. M. HILL,
J. M. LEDDY, *City Commissioners.*

APPENDIX No. 242.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Finance respectfully report, That they have under consideration a plan to diminish the funded debt of the City, by the sale of a portion of the Stock owned by the City in the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. This stock was originally subscribed for by the City and Districts previous to consolidation, for which purpose certain loans were created, the object in view being simply the construction of that highly valuable and important work, the Pennsylvania Railroad. The object for which these loans were made having been accomplished and the road in successful operation, there is no longer any necessity for the City holding the stock and being incumbered by the loans created for its purchase, especially as it can now be disposed of for City Loan, not only without loss, but with considerable advantage to the City.

Your Committee, after mature deliberation, have arrived at the conclusion, that true financial policy and the best interests of the City, alike dictate, that the stock in question should now be sold or exchanged for its value in city loan. In addition to the reduction of the City Debt and consequent simplification of its financial affairs thereby, there is another all-important reason in favor of the measure. If the proposed alteration in the constitution of the State, forbidding in future all subscriptions to railroads by municipalities should fail to become the law, it is believed that public opinion is so well settled in opposition to making any further loans for such purposes, that it will effectually control the action of Councils hereafter. The same restraining influence may not prevail in preventing, in an unguarded moment, the available stock held by the City from being placed in jeopardy and made a basis for some precarious financial operation, several attempts

have been made during the past year to accomplish this very object, they may be repeated and with more success hereafter. The proposed measure, if adopted, effectually puts an end to all anxiety on this subject by removing the temptation.

The City owns one hundred thousand shares of the Stock, costing \$5,000,000. Twenty thousand shares are specifically pledged for the payment of particular loans; the balance, eighty thousand shares, are pledged for the payment of the funded debt generally. These eighty thousand shares your Committee propose to sell, taking in payment therefore, at par, any of the six per cent. loans of the City; the certificates on receipts thereof, to be cancelled.

The Railroad Stock is quoted at \$49—the share of fifty dollars, as 98 per cent.; the City sixes at 89 per cent. At these rates the eighty thousand shares of stock would redeem \$4,405,500 of the City Loan. It is not anticipated that these prices will continue to prevail; it is believed, however, that a considerable amount will be gained by the City.

Your Committee have not lost sight of the fact, that the Railroad Stock paid a dividend last year, of 8 per cent., while the City pays but 6 per cent. on her loans. Should this 8 per cent. dividend on the Stock continue to be paid, of which there is no certainty—still your Committee, viewing the subject in all its various features, do not hesitate to recommend the passage of the ordinance respectfully submitted herewith.

CHAS. V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
ABM. BAKER,
SAM'L H. MECUTCHEN,
THOMAS CRAVEN.
HENRY J. BOLLER.

April 2, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To authorize the Sale of Certain Stock owned by the City of Philadelphia.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the Mayor of the said City be and he is hereby required, from and immediately after the passage of this Ordinance, to publish in three daily newspapers published in said city twice a week, until the fifteenth day of June next, a notice that sealed proposals, to be addressed to said Mayor and marked "Proposals for purchase of Stock" will be received for the purchase of eighty thousand shares of Stock of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, or any part thereof, now owned by the said City; said stock to be paid for in six per cent. loans of said city, created prior to December 11th, 1855, and said proposals to specify, in every case, the number of shares proposed to be purchased, with the rate of premium over the par value of said stock to be paid to the said City. The said proposals shall be opened by the Mayor, on Tuesday, the sixteenth day of June next, at 12 o'clock, M., in the presence of the Presidents of the Select and Common Councils, and the City Controller, or any two of them; and said Stock and all portions thereof as may be bidden for at a premium over the par value thereof, shall be and the same are hereby awarded to the respective bidders offering a premium as aforesaid, giving a preference in order of the award to the highest bidders.

SECTION 2. On the completion of the sale of the whole or any part of the said Stock at a premium as aforesaid, and the receipt therefor of the said Six per cent. loans, the Treasurer of the said City is hereby authorized and required to transfer the said Stock to the respective purchaser or purchasers thereof, and immediately thereafter, the said City Treasurer shall, in the presence of the Mayor and City Controller, cancel the certificates of said Six per cent. loan so received as aforesaid in payment of said Stock.

APPENDIX No. 243.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the amendment of Select Council, to the "Ordinance to levy and fix the rate of taxes for the year 1857," have had the same under consideration, and respectfully report, That they cannot see the propriety or expediency of the amendment to "Strike out \$2.10, and insert \$1.90." It is clearly evident and not disputed, that a tax of \$1.90 is insufficient to meet the deficiency and current expenses, and if persisted in and adopted, must result in keeping the City another year, in the disgraceful and disreputable position she has too long occupied; her creditors knocking at the door of the treasury day after day, and year after year, seeking in vain the payment of their just dues. The employees of the city, the police, the teachers of the Public Schools, wronged by discounts and shaves out of a portion of their hard earnings; the City involved in innumerable suits, and subjected to an immense amount of costs and charges thereby.

Your Committee believe it to be a slander on the citizens of Philadelphia to suppose, that they will object to a temporary increase of the taxes for the purpose of putting an end to this disgraceful state of things. Should the rate of \$1.90 be adopted, and this miserable condition of the City be continued, it would only be putting off the evil day; the floating debt and deficiency must be met some day or other, the sooner this is done the better, for the honor and interests of the city. Had the Councils of last year had the moral courage to have adopted the rate of tax reported as necessary by the Finance Committee, the taxes could have been greatly decreased this year, and the finances would have been long ere this, in a respectable condition. Councils have done much in the way of economizing and reducing the expenses of the city

for the present year; and having done this, there is no other course left than fairly to meet the necessary expenditure for which it is not even claimed, that the \$1.90 proposed by Select Council, is sufficient. The other amendment proposed, that of taxing the "money at interest," as returned to the State by the City Commissioners, your Committee consider altogether fallacious and impracticable; even supposing the City has the authority to levy such a tax, of which there is great doubt? The amount of "money at interest," as returned to the State, is a fraction over \$15,000,000. If taxed at the rate proposed, 70 cents in the \$100, it would produce \$105,000—a sum entirely insufficient to meet the deficit, created by the amendment of Select Council, reducing the rate from \$2.10 to \$1.90.

This "money at interest" is chiefly, if not altogether, in the shape of mortgages on real estate in the City, and is already taxed 30 cents in the \$100 for State purposes: the 70 cents proposed to be added, would increase the tax on mortgages to one per centum. The difficulty of obtaining money on mortgages at present is well known, particularly to the mechanics and those engaged in erecting buildings and improving the city. A tax of one per cent., when there are so many more profitable sources for investments, would greatly increase this difficulty, and tend to retard the growth of the city; and after all, it would practically be nothing more or less than an *insidious*, indirect and unequal tax on real estate, which would be made to pay it in some way or other. Few capitalists would loan money on mortgage at 5 per cent., which would be the rate if they had to pay one per cent. tax on the mortgage they held; unquestionably the owner of the property, the mortgager would be made to pay it in the shape of a "bonus," or in some other way. The effect would be to tax those least able to bear it, passing by those much more capable of paying. A citizen owns a house on which there is a mortgage of \$5,000, in addition to all the other tax he pays, he would be made to pay one per cent. \$50 on his mortgage; while his more wealthy neighbor under no necessity

of having a mortgage on his property, would entirely escape the tax; this is the practical effect of a tax on mortgages.

Of the \$15,000,000 of "money at interest" in the city, \$5,312,607 — *more than one-third* of the whole amount is assessed in one single ward, "The Fifth," which is accounted for by the fact of the bulk of the Insurance Companies and Saving Institutions being located in that ward, who are in the practice of loaning large sums on mortgages, and who would doubtless, in the event of the proposed tax being levied, not only refuse further loans, but in all probability call in those already made, unless the tax could be thrown on the mortgagees.

The \$105,000 proposed to be raised by a tax of 70 cents on "money at interest," would be produced by a fair and equal tax of a fraction over 7 cents on the \$100, of the assessed value of the real and personal estate of the city, subject to taxation for city purposes. Of the two different modes of arriving at the same result, supposing the tax on "money at interest" could be lawfully levied by the city, your Committee would decidedly prefer the tax on real and personal estate. For the foregoing reasons, your Committee recommended non-concurrence in the amendments of Select Council, to the "Ordinance to levy and fix the rate of tax for the year 1857."

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
ABM. BAKER,
SAM'L H. MECUTCHEN,
JOSHUA T. OWEN.

April 2, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 244.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WATER WORKS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: Your Committee on Water Works, having examined the communication from James P.

Davis, Surveyor, Sixth District, in relation to a bill of water pipe, paid November 10, 1855, by Isaac Barton; for water pipe laid on the east side of Tulip street, from Wood to Townsend; and finding that Mr. Barton being the owner of the whole square, no reduction was made him for corner lot, the bill being by him as presented. Upon examination of the ordinances, he finds he is entitled to a reduction at each corner, and now asks to have the money refunded to him for said reduction or allowance under said ordinance. Your Committee, therefore, respectfully offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Finance Committee, to report an ordinance appropriating the sum of thirty-seven dollars and fifty cents to Isaac Barton, being so much money overpaid by him for on a bill presented for laying Water Pipe on Tulip street, from Wood to Townsend.

D. S. HASSINGER, *Chairman*,
WM. HORROCKS,
ANDREW J. HOLMAN,
JOSEPH P. FITLER,
B. F. WRIGHT,
CHARLES E. LEX.

April 2, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 245.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WATER WORKS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: Your Committee on Water Works beg leave to make the following report:

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer of the Water Department be authorized to publish Proposals for sup-

plying the Fairmount, Delaware, Schuylkill and Twenty-fourth Ward Water Works with Coal, for the year 1857.

D. S. HASSINGER, *Chairman*,
WM. HORROCKS,
ANDREW J. HOLMAN,
JOSEPH P. FITLER,
B. F. WRIGHT,
CHARLES E. LEX.

April 2, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 246.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WATER WORKS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia:

GENTLEMEN: Your Committee on Water Works having had before them bills of B. Franklin Day, for Coal furnished the West Philadelphia Water Works, respectfully offer the following resolution:

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the Chief Engineer of the Water Department be, and he is hereby, authorized to draw a warrant for four hundred and forty-one dollars and seventy-five cents in favor of B. Franklin Day, being the amount of bills for coal purchased from him, and charge the same to Item 23 in appropriation bill for supplies of 1857.

D. S. HASSINGER, *Chairman*,
WM. HORROCKS,
ANDREW J. HOLMAN,
JOSEPH P. FITLER,
B. F. WRIGHT,
CHARLES E. LEX.

April 2, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 247.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: Your Committee on Surveys and Regulations return the petition of owners of property on 24th street above Coates, referred to them by this Chamber, with an ordinance attached, authorizing them to construct a Culvert or Drain as asked for—we ask that it may be adopted.

GEORGE NORTHROP, *Chairman*,
CHARLES B. ROBERTS,
SPENCER ROBERTS,
JOSEPH GEISZ,
FRANCIS J. BORIE.

April 2, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To authorize the construction of a certain Culvert or Drain, along Twenty-fourth street, from Coates street to Pratt street.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the owners of property situate on Twenty-fourth street, north from Coates street, are hereby authorized to construct a Culvert or Drain, to commence at and intersect the Culvert at Twenty-fourth and Coates street, and to extend northwardly along said Twenty-fourth street to the north side of Pratt street; to be of such form and dimensions as the Department of Surveys may prescribe, and to be constructed under the supervision of the Department of Surveys. *Provided*, before the said Culvert is commenced, the parties who are hereby authorized to construct the same, shall enter into a covenant to build it at their own expense, and upon its completion, to restore the pavement to its present condition.

SECTION 2. The said Culvert, when completed, shall become the property of the Corporation, without con-

dition, except that no permit or permission shall be granted to make any drain thereto, except to persons who may have contributed to the expense of the construction thereof, before he or she shall have paid to the parties so contributing, a sum proportionable to the extent of the front of his or her property on said Culvert; *Provided*, a certificate of approval and acceptance thereof from the Chief Engineer and Surveyor, and a statement of the actual cost of such Culvert shall have been filed in the Office of the Department of Surveys. *And provided also*, that the annual charge or rent shall be paid according to the provisions of the Ordinance providing for the granting of permits to make openings into the Common Sewers, approved March 3d, 1855.

APPENDIX No. 248.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: Your Committee on Surveys and Regulations, to whom was referred the petition of the Owners of Property on Franklin street above Parrish, beg leave to offer the accompanying Ordinance, asking that it may be adopted.

GEORGE NORTHROP, *Chairman*,
CHAS. B. ROBERTS,
SPENCER ROBERTS,
FRANCIS J. BORIE,
JOSEPH GEISZ.

April 9, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To authorize the construction of a certain Culvert or Drain, on the line of Franklin street, northward from Parrish street, in the Thirteenth Ward.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the owners of property situate on Franklin avenue above Parrish street, are hereby authorized to construct a culvert or drain, to commence at and intersect the culvert at the intersection of Franklin and Parrish streets, and to extend northwardly along said Franklin street to the north side of Poplar street; to be of such form and dimensions as the Department of Surveys may prescribe, and to be constructed under the supervision of the Department of Surveys. *Provided*, Before the said culvert is commenced, the parties who are hereby authorized to construct the same, shall enter into a covenant to build it at their own expense, and, upon its completion, to restore the pavement to its present condition.

SECTION 2. The said culvert, when completed, shall become the property of the Corporation, without condition, except that no permit or permission shall be granted to make any drain thereto, except to persons who may have contributed to the expense of the construction thereof, before he or she shall have paid to the parties so contributing a sum proportionable to the extent of the front of his or her property on said culvert. *Provided*, A certificate of approval and acceptance thereof from the Chief Engineer and Surveyor, and a statement of the actual cost of such culvert shall have been filed in the office of the Department of Surveys. *And provided also*, That the annual charge or rentage shall be paid as specified in "Ordinance providing for the granting of permits to make openings into common sewers," approved March 3d, 1855.

APPENDIX No. 249.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: Your Committee on Surveys and Regulations respectfully offer the following resolution, and ask its adoption:

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Department of Surveys be authorized and is hereby directed to obtain and place on record, in the said department, for public inspection, the depth, proportion, inclination and condition of all sewers and drains that may be constructed within the limits of the City of Philadelphia, and not already on the files of the said department, as specified in item twenty-eight of "Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Surveys, for the year 1857," approved March 2, 1857; the expense thereof to be charged to item number twenty-eight of said ordinance.

GEORGE NORTHROP, *Chairman*,
CHARLES B. ROBERTS,
SPENCER ROBERTS,
FRANCIS J. BORIE,
JOSEPH GEISZ.

April 9, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 250.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RAILROADS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred a communication from his Honor, the Mayor, informing Councils that an act had been passed

by the present Legislature, for the consolidation of the Chartee's Valley and the Hempfield Railroads, and that a meeting of the stockholders of each company would be held on the 14th of April, instant, to consider said act, and requesting Councils, on behalf of the City's interests in said Hempfield Company, to take some action in relation thereto, beg leave to report, that they have given the subject mature consideration, and, from the best information they have been enabled to obtain, they believe it would be for the interests of the City that the proposed consolidation of the two roads should take place.

The act authorizing the consolidation of the two companies, does not conflict with the original charter of the Hempfield Road, as regards the completion of the road from Greensburg to Wheeling; but, in addition thereto, will, when consummated, secure an early connection between Philadelphia and Wheeling, via Pittsburg and the Central Pennsylvania Railroad.

The consolidation will also give to the City of Philadelphia the advantage of a connection with the Central Ohio Railroad at Wheeling—a road which has largely increased the receipts of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, and a large portion of the trade over which will come to Philadelphia by this route, when the same is completed.

When the road from Marietta to Cincinnati is completed, we will have a through line of the same gauge from Philadelphia to Cincinnati—the advantages resulting from which are too obvious to need amplification.

The Committee, in view of these considerations and of the fact that the City holds stock in the Hempfield Railroad Company, to the amount of \$600,000, beg leave to report the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committees on Railroads be authorized to depute a Committee of one from each chamber, in conjunction with the Mayor of the City, to attend the meeting of the stockholders of the Hempfield Railroad Company, to be held in the Borough of Washington, Washington County, Pennsylvania, on

the 14th of April, instant, who are hereby empowered to vote on the question of accepting the supplement to the charter of the said Hempfield Railroad Company.

M. J. DOUGHERTY, *Chairman*,
JOHN F. DEAL,
JOHN BROMLEE,
CHARLES HUBBARD,
THOMAS MONAGHAN.

April 9, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 251.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred a communication from the City Solicitor, in reference to a certain mortgage on Jefferson Square, respectfully report an ordinance making an appropriation for its payment.

CHAS. V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
ABM. BAKER,
THOMAS CRAVEN,
SAM'L H. MECUTCHEN.

April 16, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to pay a certain mortgage on Jefferson Square.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of four thousand two hundred and fifty dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated to pay the Philadelphia Saving Fund Society a certain mortgage held by them on Jefferson Square, in said City, together with the interest thereon and costs of suit.

SECTION 2. A warrant for the payment of the same shall be drawn by the Commissioner of City Property, in the manner now provided by ordinance.

APPENDIX No. 252.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred an ordinance from Select Council, "To make an appropriation to the Controllers of the Public Schools," report the same as committed, and recommend its passage.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
ABRAHAM BAKER,
THOS. CRAVEN,
SAMUEL H. MECUTCHEN.

April 16, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 253.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Highways, &c., have had under consideration the resolution passed by Select Council, on the 26th of March, entitled "Resolution to pave Franklin, Thompson, Lewis, Stiles and Aspen streets," and report the same with the following amendments, viz.:

Strike out the words "Franklin street, between Parrish and Poplar," in the second line, and the words "on Aspen street, from Race to Cherry," in the fourth and fifth lines—those streets having been included in resolutions hitherto passed,—and insert therein, after the words "Twelfth street," in the fourth line, the words following, viz.: "Scott street, from Nineteenth street to Corinthian avenue, in the Twentieth Ward; Corinthian avenue, from Coates street to Girard avenue, in the Fifteenth and Twentieth Wards; Harrison street, from Frankford road to Front street, in the Nineteenth Ward; Johnson street, from Twentieth to Twenty-first street, in the Ninth Ward; Seventh street, from Franklin to Moore street, and State street, from Seventh to Eighth street, in the First Ward;" and strike out the words "one year," in the tenth line, and insert "two years"—so that the same shall read as follows: (See first resolution.) Add a second resolution, in the words following, viz.: (See second resolution.) Add a third resolution, in the words following, viz.: (See third resolution.) Add a fourth resolution, as follows: (See fourth resolution.)

RESOLUTIONS

To authorize the paving, repaving, and grading of certain streets, therein mentioned.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the owners of property, or a majority thereof, fronting on Thompson street, from Seventh to Eleventh street;

Lewis street, from Master to Oxford street;

Stiles street, from Eleventh to Twelfth street;

Scott street, from Nineteenth street to Corinthian avenue, in the Twentieth Ward;

Corinthian avenue, from Coates street to Girard avenue, in the Fifteenth and Twentieth Wards;

Harrison street, from Frankford road to Front street, in the Nineteenth Ward;

Johnson street, from Twentieth to Twenty-first street, in the Ninth Ward;

Seventh street, from Franklin to Moore street, and State street, from Seventh to Eighth street, in the First Ward:

—Are hereby authorized to pave the same, under the supervision of the Department of Highways. *Provided*, That the City shall be at no expense for the said paving, except for the intersections; *and provided further*, that the contractors doing the same shall enter into an obligation to keep said streets in good repair for the space of two years, from the time the same is finished; also, that water pipes be laid therein before the paving is begun.

Resolved, That the Department of Highways, &c., is authorized to repave the following streets, viz.:

Sansom street, from Sixth to Seventh street, in the Fifth Ward;

Spruce street, from Eighteenth to Nineteenth street, in the Seventh Ward;

Twenty-third street, from Market to Arch, and Ninth street, from Arch to Filbert street, in the Ninth Ward;

Brown street, from Front to Oak street, in the Eleventh Ward;

Callowhill street, on the south side of the Market House, from Marshall to Seventh street; and Wood street, from Sixth to Eighth street, in the Thirteenth Ward;

Callowhill street, from Thirteenth to Broad street, in the Fourteenth Ward;

Poplar street, from Beach street to Delaware avenue, in the Sixteenth Ward.

Resolved, That the Department of Highways, &c., is hereby authorized to grade any of the streets named in the first resolution that may require the same, preparatory to the paving thereof; and also to grade the following streets, within the spaces designated, so as to place the same in good traveling condition, viz.:

Front street, from Cumberland street to Lehigh avenue, in the Nineteenth Ward, and to expend therein, the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars.

Green street, from Queen to School street, in the Twenty-second Ward, and to expend therein the sum of six hundred dollars.

Parke street, from the Germantown turnpike to the Township line road, in the Twenty-second Ward, and to expend therein the sum of four hundred dollars.

Almond street, from York to Cumberland street, in the Nineteenth Ward, and to expend therein the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

York street, from Brown street to the Bridge over the Canal, and to expend therein the sum of fifty dollars.

Resolved, That the Department of Highways give notice to the owners of property on Somerset street, and on Allegheny avenue, from Richmond street to the Frankford road, in the Nineteenth Ward, to set the curbstone and pave the footway in front of their respective properties.

And amend the title to read as follows, viz. :

Resolutions to authorize the paving, repaving and grading of certain streets therein mentioned.

All which is respectfully submitted by

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
JOHN M. FORD,
J. G. SORVER,
THOS. J. ROBERTS,
WM. ELLIOTT.

April 16, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 254.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Highways, &c., to whom were referred certain petitions, numerously signed, asking that the damages assessed for opening Linden street, in the Sixteenth Ward, may be paid,

and the said street opened—have had the same under consideration, and thereupon they respectfully report, that said Linden street extends from Front street eastward to within about one hundred feet of the Frankford road, in the Sixteenth Ward. Proceedings have been regularly prosecuted in Court, to open it across this space of one hundred feet, into the said Frankford road, which it will enter at a point directly opposite to Queen street, in the Eighteenth Ward, whereby it will no doubt soon become an important public thoroughfare.

By the papers presented to the Committee, it is shown that the report of the jury assessing damages, \$2700 to Henry Meyers and \$2000 to George Wattson, was presented to the Court of Quarter Sessions, on the 3d day of December, 1852, and was confirmed absolutely by the Court on the 10th of March, 1853; and at a meeting of the County Board, held on the 17th of October, 1853, the sum of \$4700 was appropriated to pay the said damages; but the parties allege that, owing to the low state of the funds in the County Treasury, they could not obtain the money before the Consolidation law went into operation, and have been unable to obtain it since.

The damages awarded appear to your Committee to be reasonable in amount—the property taken in each case being a brick house, with a lot of ground twenty feet front on Frankford road by one hundred feet in depth.

Of the loan of one hundred thousand dollars, created to pay for the Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph, there are several thousand dollars yet remaining, out of which the damages in question can be paid; and, accordingly, the Committee submit herewith an ordinance to pay the same, and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted by

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
THOS. J. ROBERTS,
WM. ELLIOTT,
JOHN M. FORD,
CHARLES F. ISEMINER.

April 16, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to the Department of Highways, &c, to pay certain road damages in certificates of City Debt.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of ten thousand seven hundred dollars is hereby appropriated—two thousand seven hundred dollars thereof to be paid to Henry Meyers, or his legal representative, and two thousand dollars thereof to George Wattson, or his legal representative—the same being for damages assessed for opening Linden street, from its present point of termination into the Frankford road, in the Sixteenth Ward.

SECTION 2. Warrants for the payment of the said appropriation shall be drawn by the Chief Commissioner of Highways, and the same shall be paid in certificates of City Debt. But no warrant shall issue until the usual cetificate shall be produced from the Court of Quarter Sessions, that the damages aforesaid have been confirmed absolutely; nor until the City Solicitor, upon the faith of proper papers, to be exhibited to him, shall certify that there are no liens against the property for injury to which the said damages have been awarded.

SECTION 3. Upon the delivery of any such warrant, countersigned by the Controller, to the City Treasurer, the said Treasurer shall deliver to the person in whose favor the same is drawn, or to his order, certificates of City Debt to the amount expressed in such warrant, which certificates shall be such as are provided for and described in an ordinance approved August 23d, 1855, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the issue of certificates of debt, in payment of road damages, and to pay the contract price of the Fire Alarm and Police Telegraph," and the said certificates shall be a portion of those thereby authorized to be issued.

APPENDIX No. 255.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRUSTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, to whom was referred a communication from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, in relation to a better supply of water, in case of fire, in the Twenty-fourth Ward, and asking that an Alarm Box be placed in the office of the Engineer of the Water Works in said ward, respectfully report, that so much of said communication as relates to a better supply of water, be referred to the Committee on Water Works. The Committee, believing in the necessity of an Alarm Box in the office of the Engineer of the Water Works, in said ward, respectfully offer the annexed resolution, and ask its adoption.

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph be directed to inform Councils of the expense of placing an Alarm Box in the Engineer's office at the Twenty-fourth Ward Water Works.

Respectfully yours,

ANDREW J. BAKER. *Chairman*,
B. F. WRIGHT,
JOHN WELSH,
W. S. WINSHIP.

April 16, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 256.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRUSTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, to whom were referred certain bills, &c.,

respectfully report, "that the bill of Edward N. Creighton is for salary as Assistant Engineer of the Steam Fire Engine Young America, for three months, from January 1st to April 1st, 1857—his appointment being by authority of an ordinance approved May 2, 1856. The bill of Samuel Ewing is also one for salary as Engineer of Steam Fire Engine Young America, from January 1st to February 6th, 1857, at which time he was discharged, and the situation is now vacant—his appointment being by authority of the same ordinance. The other bill is for expenses incurred in putting in service the hose of the Steam Fire Engine, at the fire Seventh street below Market, and hauling of the same to and from fires.

We have also had before us a report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, calling the attention of Councils to the condition of the Steam Fire Engine, and the necessity of repairs, &c., to the same.

The Committee would respectfully urge upon the chamber the passage of an ordinance by which the services of the "Young America" may be made available to the City, in the extinguishment of fires. The salary of the Assistant Engineer still goes on, and the hose is fast becoming useless, for want of proper attention and care. The City has derived no benefit from the expenditure already made; but, on the contrary, the whole will, if not soon attended to, become totally useless, and a loss to the City, through the neglect of not providing for its proper care and management.

In conclusion, the Committee beg leave to offer the annexed resolutions, and ask their adoption :

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department be, and he is hereby, authorized to draw a warrant in favor of Edward N. Creighton, for \$150, being the amount of his salary for three months, as Assistant Engineer of the Steam Fire Engine "Young America."

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department be, and he is hereby, authorized to draw a warrant in favor of Samuel Ewing, for \$77 77, in full for salary from January 1st to February 6th, 1857, as

Engineer of the Steam Fire Engine "Young America."

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department be, and he is hereby, authorized to draw a warrant for \$9 75, in payment of expenses of putting in service the hose of the Steam Fire Engine.

Respectfully yours,

ANDREW J. BAKER, *Chairman*,

B. F. WRIGHT,

JOHN WELSH,

W. S. WINSHIP.

April 16, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 257.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Surveys and Regulations, to whom was recommitted the petition of property owners on Franklin street, north of Parrish street, asking privilege to construct a culvert, herewith return an ordinance complying with the wishes of the petitioners, and recommend its adoption.

GEORGE NORTROP, *Chairman*,

SAMUEL P. DUTTON,

JOSEPH GEISZ,

SPENCER ROBERTS.

April 16, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To authorize the construction of a certain Culvert or Drain, on the line of Franklin street, northwardly from Parrish street, in the Twentieth Ward.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the owners of

property situate on Franklin street, between Parrish street and the Summit, north of Poplar street, are hereby authorized to construct a culvert or drain, to commence at and intersect the culvert at Parrish and Franklin streets, to extend northwardly along Franklin street to five hundred and thirty feet north of Poplar street; to be of such form and dimensions as the Department of Surveys may prescribe, and to be constructed under the supervision of the Department of Surveys. *Provided*, Before the said culvert is commenced, the parties who are hereby authorized to construct the same, shall enter into a covenant to build it at their own expense, and, upon its completion, to restore the pavement to its present condition.

SECTION 2. The said culvert, when completed, shall become the property of the Corporation, without condition, except that no permit or permission shall be granted to make any drain thereto, except to persons who may have contributed to the expense of the construction thereof, before he or she shall have paid to the parties so contributing, a sum proportionable to the extent of the front of his or her property on said culvert. *Provided*, A certificate of approval and acceptance thereof from the Chief Engineer and Surveyor, and a statement of the actual cost of such culvert, shall have been filed in the office of the Department of Surveys; *and provided also*, that the annual charge or rentage shall be paid as specified in "Ordinance providing for the granting of permits to make openings into common sewers," approved March 3d, 1855.

APPENDIX No. 258.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: Your Committee on Surveys and Regulations, to whom was referred the annexed resolution asking that the Department of Surveys be authorized to prepare a sectional plan of that portion of the Twenty-second Ward included between Neff street and Mermaid lane, east and west, and the Township lines, north and south; that proper landmarks be permanently fixed, and that the grade regulations be established thereon—respectfully return it with their approval, and ask its adoption.

GEORGE NORTHROP, *Chairman*,
SAMUEL P. DUTTON,
JOSEPH GEISZ,
SPENCER ROBERTS.

April 16, 1857.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Department of Surveys be hereby authorized and directed to prepare a sectional plan of that portion of the Twenty-second Ward, included between Neff street and Mermaid lane, east and west, and the Township lines, north and south; that proper landmarks be permanently fixed, and that the grade regulations be established thereon.

APPENDIX No. 259.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the claim of H. P. Sampson, for washing

and putting in order all the lamps in Independence Square, and to four months' lighting and extinguishing the same, the sum of \$62 86; also, Hoffman & Morwitz's claim, for publishing the election proclamations for October and the Presidential election, for 1856, the sum of \$577 50: report, that they have considered the same, and recommend the payment of said claims, and offer the following resolution, and ask its adoption:

Resolved, That the same be referred to the Committee on Finance, to report an ordinance for the payment of said claims; and that the Committee on Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

J. G. SORVER, *Chairman*,
JOHN R. BROWNHOLTZ,
SAMUEL STEVENSON,
RICHARD PARKER,
SAMUEL H. MECUTCHEN.

April 16, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 260.

Read in place by Mr. OWEN, April 16, 1857:

AN ORDINANCE

To prevent nuisances in the Twenty-second Ward of the City of Philadelphia.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That from and after the publication of this ordinance, no person or persons shall dig or cause to be dug any vault, well or sink, for privies, nearer to the line of his, her, or their lot than two feet six inches, without the consent of the owner or owners of the adjoining lot or lots; and every such person or persons so offending, and being

thereof convicted, before any Justice of the Peace in the Ward, shall forfeit and pay for the use of the City of Philadelphia, the sum of twenty-five dollars, to be recovered as debts of equal amount are by law recoverable; and the said vault, well, or sink shall be filled up at the expense of the owner or owners thereof,

APPENDIX No. 261.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee appointed to confer with a similar Committee of Select Council, on Common Council Bill No. 81, entitled "An Ordinance to levy and fix the rate of taxes, for the year 1857," with amendments by Select Council, having given the same their consideration, beg leave to report, that they have concurred in and recommend the following amendments, viz.:

Strike out, from the sixth line of the first section, the words "and ten."

Also, strike out, from the eighteenth line of the second section, the word "sixteen," and insert "six."

SAMUEL ROBB,
JOSHUA T. OWEN.

April 16, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 262.

Bill read in place by Mr. Hagner, April 23, 1857.

A SUPPLEMENT

To an Ordinance to levy and fix the rate of Taxes for the year 1857.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the City Com-

missioners be and they are hereby authorized and required to levy upon every taxable inhabitant of the said City, returned by the Assessors thereof the sum of twenty-five cents as a personal tax for the year 1857.

APPENDIX No. 263.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Finance respectfully report the annexed ordinance "To make an appropriation to pay certain claims against the City," and ask its passage.

CHAS. V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
ABM. BAKER,
SAM'L H. MECUTCHEN,
THOMAS CRAVEN.

April 23, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to pay certain claims against the City of Philadelphia.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the sum of two thousand four hundred and seventeen dollars and ninety-six cents be and the same is hereby appropriated for the payment of the following claims and demands on the Corporation, viz:

1. William Henwood, for indexing the assessment book of the Sixth Ward, for 1856, one hundred and twenty-four dollars and ten cents.

2. James Goodman, for eight months salary as Solicitor of the late District of Northern Liberties, two hundred dollars.

3. Randall and Meredith, for Coal delivered at the County Building, furnished May 6, 1856, six hundred and eighty-seven dollars and fifty cents.

4. Logan Alcott, for Charcoal for the Court Rooms for 1856, eighty-seven dollars and fifty cents.

5. F. G. Troxell, for extra assessments of the Thirteenth Ward, eight dollars.

6. H. P. Sampson, for washing, lighting and extinguishing the lamps in Independence Square, sixty-two dollars and eighty-six cents.

7. Hoffman and Morwitz, for publishing the Election Proclamations for October and November, 1856, five hundred and seventy-seven dollars and fifty cents.

8. Thomas Clark, in payment of a warrant, No. 846, Highway Department, drawn in favor of and endorsed by George Hollick, for twenty-seven days work as Assistant Surveyor in late District of Passyunk, and hire of cart and horse for the same, from September 5 to November 12, 1854, sixty-nine dollars.

9. Isaac Barton, for over-payment made by him, in charge for water pipe on Tulip street, thirty-seven dollars and fifty cents.

10. E. L. Spain, for services rendered the late District of Richmond, as Surveyor, and in filing liens, four hundred and sixty-two dollars.

11. Prof. F. A. Roese, for services as Professor of German in the High School, one hundred and two dollars.

SECTION 2. Warrants for payment of the said appropriation for Items 1, 3, 4, 5 and 7, shall be drawn by the City Commissioners; for Item 2, by the City Solicitor; for Item 6, by the Commissioner of City Property; for Items 8 and 10, by the Chief Engineer and Surveyor; for Item 9, by the Chief Engineer of the Water Works; and for Item 11, by the President of the Board of Controllers of Public Schools.

APPENDIX No. 264.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE.

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on City Property of the two Chambers of Councils beg leave respectfully to report:

By a Joint Resolution of Select and Common Council, passed on the 30th of October, 1856, it was

Resolved, That the Committee of City Property of the two Chambers of Councils acting in this matter as a Joint Committee, be and they are hereby authorized to confer with such citizens of Philadelphia as may desire to communicate with Councils in relation to the securing to the City the possession of the premises which intervene between Fairmount and Lemon Hill, and also between Lemon Hill and Spring Garden Water Works.

Acting under this resolution the Committee have been in frequent communication with citizens of Philadelphia, whose efforts combined by an organization which they had established among themselves have been directed to the purchasing and presenting to the City of Philadelphia of the Sedgley Park Estate. Sedgley Park Estate immediately adjoining Fairmount Park upon the north, and containing thirty-three acres of ground, fills the space which intervenes between Fairmount Park on the south and the ground of the Spring Garden Water Works on the north.

In combination with the City grounds at Fairmount which embrace twenty-four acres, Fairmount Park, which contains forty-five acres, and the grounds of the Spring Garden Water Works, which contains eight and a half acres of ground—the Sedgley Park Estate will form a Park upon the banks of the Schuylkill of one hundred ten and a half acres, extending from Callowhill street on the south (with the interruption of a small piece of wharf property at and adjacent to

Coates street) to a point more than a mile northward of the dam.

The quiet shades and sunny slopes of these beautiful grounds—the noble trees which adorn them—the river which flows beside them and the extensive and varied prospect of a charming landscape which they command—all combine to mark this spot as one of unequalled fitness for a park sacred to the health and enjoyment of all the people forever.

Independently of this consideration, these grounds constitute the bank of the Schuylkill and their possession by the City ensures the purity of the water at Fairmount basin, whose border they constitute for a mile above the dam.

The Committee have the pleasure of reporting to Councils that a number of the most esteemed of our citizens have united in purchasing the Sedgley Park Estate at the sum of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars—a price below its real value, but which the owner, Mr. Ferdinand J. Dreer, liberally consented to accept in view of the noble purpose entertained by its purchasers.

These gentlemen have contributed and paid sixty thousand dollars of the purchase money from their own means and the residue remains charged upon the premises in the manner and in the proportions indicated by a statement which the Committee have annexed to this report.

These gentlemen have honored the Committee by authorizing and requesting them in their name and on their behalf to present to the Select and Common Councils, and through them to the citizens of Philadelphia, the Sedgley Park Estate, containing thirty-three acres—upon which sixty thousand dollars has been paid and which remains yet charged with sixty-five thousand dollars in the manner described in the statement which accompanies this report—the same to be received by the City of Philadelphia as a free gift, to be added to Fairmount Park, and with it to be dedicated to the health and enjoyment of all the people forever.

The Committee annex to the report a list of the names of the generous citizens with the amounts of their respective contributions. It embraces the names of many of our most esteemed and valued citizens, and among others a name which has been made honorable in the recollections of Philadelphians by a life of unblemished purity and excellence, a part of which was spent in the service of the City in her councils, and whose exertions were instrumental in securing the purchase by the City of the Lemon Hill Estate. The allusion is to the late Mr. Thos. P. Cope, from two members of whose family it appears by the list \$20,000 have been contributed to this purchase.

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia :

1. That the City of Philadelphia accept the generous gift of some of her citizens of Sedgley Park Estate, situate upon the banks of the Schuylkill, north of Fairmount Park, and containing within its limits thirty-three acres of ground.

2. That these premises be and they are hereby dedicated to the public use and enjoyment forever as a Park in connection with and as a part of Fairmount Park.

3. That the names of the donors be recorded in the journals of Councils, and that a copy of the journal when printed be sent to each of the donors.

Respectfully submitted by

THEO. CUYLER,
EDWD. T. MOTT,
T. W. HIGGINS,
THOS. J. ROBERTS,
C. B. F. O'NEILL,
W. ELLIOTT,
FRANCIS McMANUS,
JESSE T. VOGDES.

April 16, 1857.

FAIRMOUNT PARK CONTRIBUTION.

Total amount of contributions,	- -	\$60.000
The contributions of Eli K. Price, Esq. (\$2.000) and Joseph B. Townsend, Esq. (\$500) are in the form of bonds to Thomas Ridgway, Esq. Treasurer of the fund. These bonds are made available only towards the payment of the last instalment of the mortgage, and will therefore be assigned to the City of Phila- delphia, to be collected when the last instal- ment of the mortgage is paid off.		2.500
Leaving a <i>cash</i> subscription of	- - -	57.500
Purchase money of Sedgley,	- -	125.000
Old mortgage held by Trustee, the principal money not required,	- - - -	11.000
		114.000
Available <i>cash</i> subscription,	- -	57.500
		\$56.500

This balance of \$56.500 is secured by a mortgage of \$30.000 on the southern portion of the premises, payable in instalments as follows : \$10.000, 1st July, 1858 ; \$10.000, 1st July, 1859 ; \$10.000, 1st July, 1860 ; and a mortgage of \$26.500 on the northern portion of the premises, payable 1st July, 1861.

The above mentioned bonds of Messrs. Price and Townsend, amounting to \$2.500, being made available towards the payment of the last mortgage, the City will have but \$24.000 to pay in 1861.

CHARLES S. KEYSER,
Sec'y of Com. of Citizens

(Copy.)

Know all men by these presents, That I, Eli K. Price, am held and lawfully bound unto Thomas Ridgway, in the sum of four thousand dollars, lawful money

of the United States, which I bind myself to pay unto him the said Thomas Ridgway, his executors, administrators or assigns. Sealed with my seal this eighth day of April, 1857.

The condition of this obligation is such, that if the said Eli K. Price; his executors or administrators, shall pay to the said Thomas Ridgway, Treasurer of a certain fund to purchase Sedgley Estate, two thousand dollars, or to his assigns, for and towards the last instalment for said purchase, so that the same shall become vested in the City of Philadelphia as a clear estate, for a public Park for the use and enjoyment of the people forever, and after sixty days written notice of the said sum being required for said last payment, then this obligation shall cease and become void, otherwise be in full force and virtue.

Sealed and delivered in presence of

(Signed) ELI K. PRICE. [SEAL.]

H. C. TOWNSEND,
JOS. P. BRINTON.

(Copy.)

Know all men by these presents, That I, Joseph B. Townsend, am held and firmly bound unto Thomas Ridgway in the sum of one thousand dollars, lawful money of the United States of America, well and truly to be paid to the said Thomas Ridgway, his executors, administrators or assigns: sealed with my seal and dated this sixth day of April, A. D. 1857.

The condition of this obligation is such, that if the said Joseph B. Townsend, his executors or administrators, shall and do on sixty days' notice, pay to the said Thomas Ridgway, Treasurer of a certain fund to purchase Sedgley Estate, or to his assigns, for the purpose of making such purchase, five hundred dollars, in such manner that the sum last aforesaid shall be available for and towards the last payment for said estate, when the title thereof shall be vested, clear of incumbrances, in the City of Philadelphia, as and for a public Park,

for the use and enjoyment of the people forever, and shall be demandable and payable only for such last payment as aforesaid, and in no other event and for no other purpose whatever than as aforesaid, then this obligation shall become void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

(Signed,)

JOS. B. TOWNSEND, [SEAL.]

Sealed and delivered in presence of us,

J. SERGEANT PRICE.

FAIRMOUNT PARK.

The City Councils, having on the 31st of October last, by Resolution, authorized the Committees of City Property of the two branches of Councils, to confer with citizens in relation to the securing to the city the possession of the premises which intervene between Fairmount and Lemon Hill, and also between Lemon Hill and Spring Garden Water Works, certain citizens whose names are appended, feeling the importance of the measure, as a means of preserving the purity of the Schuylkill water, and at the same time of forming a Public Park, capable of affording to all the people pure air and healthful recreation, have, by individual contributions, secured the last named property, known as Sedgley, and now tender it to the City of Philadelphia.

The contributions towards the purchase money, amount to sixty thousand dollars, leaving a balance to be assumed by the City of sixty-five thousand dollars, secured by mortgages upon the property, payable in instalments over a period of five years.

CONTRIBUTORS TO FAIRMOUNT PARK.

Henry Cope,	-	-	-	-	\$10,000
Alfred Cope,	-	-	-	-	- 10,000
M. Newkirk,	-	-	-	-	5,000
F. J. Dreer,	-	-	-	-	- 5,000
Joseph Harrison,	-	-	-	-	2,000

*Eli K. Price, - - - -	2,000
Philip M. Price, - - - -	1,000
N. P. Browne, - - - -	1,000
Samuel H. Carpenter, - - -	1,000
John J. Ridgway, - - - -	1,000
Thomas B. Wilson, M. D., - - -	500
Edward Yarnall, - - - -	500
S. Fisher Corlies, - - - -	500
Charles Yarnall, - - - -	500
James Dundas, - - - -	500
A. S. & E. Roberts, - - - -	500
Evans Rogers, - - - -	500
D. T. Moore & Co., - - - -	500
Charles Fischer, - - - -	500
John Farnum, - - - -	500
Asa Whitney & Sons, - - - -	500
Hiram Miller, - - - -	500
Wm. Augustus White, - - - -	500
William Weightman, - - - -	500
John Bohlen, - - - -	500
Henry Baring, (per Trustees,) - - -	500
*Joseph B. Townsend, - - - -	500
M. W. Baldwin & Co., - - - -	300
Thomas Allibone, - - - -	300
Samuel Jeanes, - - - -	250
D. Rodney King, - - - -	200
Henry Seybert, - - - -	200
E. W. Clark & Co., - - - -	200
Thomas Ridgway, - - - -	200
James H. Castle, - - - -	200
William S. Wilson, - - - -	200
Joseph R. Ingersoll, - - - -	200
Charles H. McCurdy, - - - -	200
Henry Duhring, - - - -	200
Frederick Nenzel, - - - -	200
Schintzel & Schmitt, - - - -	150

* These two subscriptions are in the form of bonds to Thomas Ridgway, Esq., Treasurer of the Fund. They are made available for and towards the payment of the last instalment of the mortgage, and upon the acceptance of the property by Councils, will be forthwith assigned to the city of Philadelphia.

Charles S. Keyser,	-	-	-	-	100
William Ellis,	-	-	-	-	100
John Grigg,	-	-	-	-	100
Thomas Sparks,	-	-	-	-	100
Isaac P. Morris,	-	-	-	-	100
Stephen P. Morris,	-	-	-	-	100
F. A. Vandyke,	-	-	-	-	100
Howell Evans,	-	-	-	-	100
John Fallon,	-	-	-	-	100
George Cadwalader,	-	-	-	-	100
Joseph P. Smith,	-	-	-	-	100
Isaac Starr,	-	-	-	-	100
Stotesbury & Ayres,	-	-	-	-	100
George W. Tryon,	-	-	-	-	100
James Page,	-	-	-	-	100
Wm. M. Swain,	-	-	-	-	100
Hugh Campbell,	-	-	-	-	100
Linus W. Dexter,	-	-	-	-	100
Samuel B. Morris,	-	-	-	-	100
George W. Biddle,	-	-	-	-	100
Henry D. Gilpin,	-	-	-	-	100
Henry J. Williams,	-	-	-	-	100
Benjamin Gerhard,	-	-	-	-	100
John C. Mitchell,	-	-	-	-	100
Henry C. Townsend,	-	-	-	-	100
B. A. Fahnestock,	-	-	-	-	100
Edwin Greble,	-	-	-	-	100
M. H. Jones,	-	-	-	-	100
Godfrey Freytag,	-	-	-	-	100
Charles Megarge,	-	-	-	-	100
James W. Paul,	-	-	-	-	100
Thomas P. Hoopes,	-	-	-	-	100
Barzillai C. Smith,	-	-	-	-	100
H. Cowperthwait,	-	-	-	-	100
Joseph Perot,	-	-	-	-	100
Edward H. Bonsall,	-	-	-	-	100
William S. Perot,	-	-	-	-	100
Charles Ellis,	-	-	-	-	100
Wm. V. Wieht,	-	-	-	-	100
M. G. Rosengarten,	-	-	-	-	100
George F. Womrath,	-	-	-	-	100

C. M. Jackson, M. D.,	-	-	-	100
George Thomas,	-	-	-	100
Wm. H. Horstman & Sons,	-	-	-	100
Thomas Earp, -	-	-	-	100
Francis Perot,	-	-	-	100
William H. Hart,	-	-	-	100
Thomas H. Powers,	-	-	-	100
John Stone & Sons,	-	-	-	100
Edward S. Whelen,	-	-	-	100
Charles Rogers, -	-	-	-	100
J. G. Fell, -	-	-	-	100
S. V. Merrick, -	-	-	-	100
Ellis Yarnall,	-	-	-	100
John Baird, -	-	-	-	100
S. Morris Waln,	-	-	-	100
William R. White,	-	-	-	100
Nathan Trotter & Co.,	-	-	-	100
Frederick Fisher,	-	-	-	100
Charles Macalester, -	-	-	-	100
Job R. Tyson, -	-	-	-	100
Charles Willing, M. D.,	-	-	-	100
Isaac Lee, -	-	-	-	100
Samuel C. Morton, -	-	-	-	100
Israel Morris, -	-	-	-	100
Jacob P. Jones, -	-	-	-	100
Richard Randolph,	-	-	-	100
L. V. Williamson, -	-	-	-	100
William P. Wilstach,	-	-	-	100
Jesse George, -	-	-	-	100
David George, -	-	-	-	100
Josiah L. Haines, -	-	-	-	100
Frederick L. John,	-	-	-	100
Engel & Wolf, -	-	-	-	100
Weaver & Volkmar,	-	-	-	100
Butcher & Brother, -	-	-	-	100
Dallett & Brothers,	-	-	-	100
Cresson, Stuart & Peterson,	-	-	-	100
Parry & Randolph,	-	-	-	100
Lewis Audenried, -	-	-	-	100
Edward C. Knight,	-	-	-	100
John Lips, -	-	-	-	100

Thomas Potter, -	-	-	-	50
Robert Pearsall, -	-	-	-	50
Benj. H. Coates, M. D., -	-	-	-	50
Robert Wood, -	-	-	-	50
L. Martin & Co., -	-	-	-	50
R. & W. C. Biddle & Co. -	-	-	-	50
T. K. & P. G. Collins, -	-	-	-	40
Robert P. Smith, -	-	-	-	30
Robert Patterson, -	-	-	-	20
R. C. McMutrie, -	-	-	-	20
D. P. Brown, -	-	-	-	20
Charles E. Toothaker, M. D., -	-	-	-	10
G. R. Starkey, M. D., -	-	-	-	10
Chapman Biddle, -	-	-	-	10
Edward Ingersoll, -	-	-	-	10
Philadelphia Boat Club, -	-	-	-	250
Philadelphia Skating Club, -	-	-	-	100

APPENDIX No. 265.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Surveys and Regulations to whom was referred the petition of Isaac Bedford, asking to have \$13.50 paid by him to the contractor for building the Linn street Culvert refunded, return the same, with an explanatory paper, showing why said prayer cannot be granted, and offer the following:

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

GEORGE NORTHROP, *Chairman,*

JOSEPH GEISZ,

SAM'L P. DUTTON,

FRANCIS J. BORIE.

April 21, 1857.

DEPARTMENT OF SURVEYS, }
April 21, 1857. }

GEORGE NORTHROP, ESQ.

Chairman, &c. Com. Surveys and Regulations.

Dear Sir,—The application of Isaac Bedford, asking for a return of \$13,50, paid by him into the Treasury of the late District of Spring Garden, which amount was paid by him as a Culvert deposit, to be expended in the construction of a Culvert on Linn street—a receipt for which is attached, has been examined, and I would state to the Committee the circumstances of the case, viz :

Mr. Bedford paid this amount March 2, 1854, previous to consolidation, upon a permit being issued to him, allowing him to connect a private drain from his property, fronting on Linn street, with the Nixon or Twenty-third street sewer, which drain was built by him and is now in use.

On the 24th of October, 1855, Councils authorized the property owners on Linn street to construct a Culvert from Twenty-second to the Culvert on Twenty-third street, with the provision that no person should be authorized to make a connection with said Culvert until a portion of the cost thereof should be paid proportional to the front of property drained. Thus, Mr. Bedford was not obliged to pay any further amount than that already deposited, unless he desired another connection from his premises; but this he alleges he has done, and asks that it should be returned to him. This cannot be done, as the amount was received in good faith by the contractor who constructed the Culvert, and it was therefore never in the Treasury of the City—his original payment of \$13,50, the City has nothing to do with.

Under these circumstances, and the money for the construction of the Linn street Culvert having been paid to individuals who constructed the work, giving him a right of connection, I cannot see that the City can assist him in any way; but he must go to those to whom he paid the amount, there being nothing in the

ordinance making it compulsory upon him to make the payment.

Very respectfully,

STRICKLAND KNEASS.

APPENDIX No. 266.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: Your Committee on Surveys and Regulations fully advised of the necessity that the grades should be established on the line of City Avenue, report the resolution attached, which they ask may be adopted.

GEORGE NORTHPROP, *Chairman*,
JOSEPH GEISZ,
SAM'L P. DUTTON,
FRANCIS J. BORIE.

April 22, 1857.

RESOLUTION

To arrange the grades on "City Avenue."

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the department of Surveys be authorized and directed to fix and establish the grade lines of City Avenue in the Twenty-fourth Ward, between the Lancaster turnpike and the Schuylkill river, making the same conform as nearly as practicable to the natural surface, the cost of which shall be charged to item number 29 of Ordinance to

make an appropriation to the Department of Surveys for the year 1857.

APPENDIX No. 267.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: Your Committee on Surveys and Regulations, to whom was referred the annexed Resolution, relative to the Survey of portions of the Twenty-fourth Ward, beg leave to offer the following and ask that it may be adopted.

GEORGE NORTHROP, *Chairman*,
JOSEPH GEISZ,
SAML P. DUTTON,
FRANCIS J. BORIE.

April 21, 1857.

RESOLUTION

For prosecuting the Survey and Regulations in Twenty-fourth Ward.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Department of Surveys be authorized and is hereby directed to have completed, the Survey and Regulations, in Sections, with duplicate plans, of that portion of the late Township of Kingessing, lying north-west of Darby Avenue and the unsurveyed portions of the late District of West Philadelphia and the Township of Blockley adjoining; as also the Curb Regulations on the second and third sections of the Survey of Blockley, the cost of the same to be paid for out of Items 23, 24, 25 and 29, of "Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Department of Surveys for 1857," Approved March 2, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 268.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SURVEYS AND REGULATIONS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: Your Committee of Surveys and Regulations, to whom was referred a report made by the Chief Engineer and Surveyor and the Chief Commissioner of Highways, relative to the crossing of the Reading Railroad and Girard Avenue, respectfully report:

That they have prepared the following Ordinance providing for the construction of a Bridge over the Reading Railroad at Girard Avenue, the adoption of which they recommend.

This will secure to the City a valuable and necessary improvement at a comparatively small expense, and will open continuously to the public a fine Avenue, without the risks always incurred in crossing Railroads on the same level.

GEORGE NORTHPROP, *Chairman*,
JOSEPH GEISZ,
SAM'L P. DUTTON,
FRANCIS J. BORIE.

April 21, 1857.

PHILADELPHIA AND READING R. R. Co. }
No. 73 S. Fourth st. }
PHILADELPHIA, February 6, 1857.

STRICKLAND KNEASS,

Chief Engineer and Surveyor,

Dear Sir—In reply to your letter of the 19th ult., I am authorized by the Board of Managers to say, that this Company will either build the bridge at Girard Avenue over the Railroad, according to the plan agreed upon by you and Mr. J. D. Steele, receiving one half of the estimated cost, \$28,000, or pay one half to the City, should Councils decide upon having it built under their control.

I remain, dear sir, yours very respectfully,
(Signed,) R. D. CULLEN, *Pres't.*

DEPARTMENT OF SURVEYS, }
February 9, 1857. }

*To the Select and Common Councils
of the City of Philadelphia.*

GENTLEMEN: The accompanying letter from R. D. Cullen, Esq., President of the Reading Railroad Company, having just been received, the Chief Engineer and Surveyor, and the Chief Commissioner of Highways, to whom was entrusted the following joint Resolution, viz:

Resolved, "That the Chief Engineer and Surveyor, and the Chief Commissioner of Highways, are hereby authorized to confer with the Managers of the Reading Railroad Company upon the subject of the erection of a bridge, whereby Girard Avenue may pass over the Railroad, and report their result of this conference to Councils as early as practicable," beg leave to present the following report: That upon an examination of the locality named, we found that our first duty would be, to call the attention of Councils to the necessity of a revision of the grades, at and around that crossing.

The plan of the sixth section of the Survey of the District of Penn, which covers that ground, fixes the grade of Girard Avenue at the intersection with the Railroad, on the *same level with the tracks*, and an ordinance was passed by Councils, February 19, 1855, directing the grade to be adjusted to an elevation of 19.4 foot above the tracks, in accordance with an accompanying plan. This latter plan was never confirmed by the Court, and is therefore without force, consequently, in any arrangement of grades, that may be required of the Department of Surveys upon that section, the *original plan* only can be regarded; and were the ordinance in force, we should be compelled to ask a revision, as the elevation there fixed is deemed insufficient by us, for the character of the bridge that is desirable for that crossing.

The width of Pennsylvania Avenue, upon the City plans, is fixed at one hundred feet (100 ft.), fifty feet (50 ft.) of which on the centre line, is claimed by the Read-

ing Railroad Company as their exclusive property, and requisite for the advantageous working of their road ; and further, that a clear headway of sixteen feet (16 ft.) for at least forty feet (40 ft.) of that width is indispensable. With these points in view, as well as the necessity for City use, of a carriage way at least twenty feet (20 ft.) wide on each side of the Railroad, two plans of a bridge adapted to that crossing have been suggested and approved by that Company, the material of which they are proposed to be constructed being iron, and the cost of each, twenty-eight thousand dollars, (\$28,000.)

It will be perceived by the accompanying letter, that the Railroad Company offer to take charge of and construct a bridge in conformity with either of the proposed plans, for the sum of fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000,) to be paid by the City upon its completion, and the presentation of a certificate of approval and acceptance by the Chief Engineer and Surveyor of the City ; or, if the City should desire to have it constructed under their own immediate control, upon its completion and approval by the Engineer of the Railroad Company, they will pay to the City the like amount of fourteen thousand (14,000) dollars.

Thus, the preliminary steps in the matter having been taken, we can but urge upon Councils the imperative necessity for the early construction of said bridge, a safe and direct avenue being one of the greatest requisites to that section of our City, bringing, as it necessarily must, the now useless bridge over the river Schuylkill, into the active line of travel its construction intended.

Respectfully submitted,

STRICKLAND KNEASS,

Chief Engineer and Surveyor.

JOHN MCCARTHY,

Chief Commissioner of Highways.

AN ORDINANCE

For the construction of a Bridge over the Reading Railroad.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the Chief Engineer and Surveyor be authorized and is hereby directed to execute on the part of the City of Philadelphia, a contract with the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company, for the construction of a Bridge over the Reading Railroad and Pennsylvania Avenue, on the line of Girard Avenue, said Bridge to be so constructed, as to give not less than twenty feet width of opening for the public highways on each side of the Railroad, and a clear space of not less than fifty feet for the Railroad tracks, both dimensions to be measured at right angles to Pennsylvania Avenue. The width of said Bridge shall be not less than sixty feet, measured at right angles to Girard Avenue, with such elevation above the rails as will give sixteen feet clear headway: The Bridge to be constructed wholly of iron and stone, or brick, with stone abutments and piers, and a brick arch over the carriage-way on each side of the Avenue; the Railroad opening to be spanned by wrought iron girders, finished on surface to correspond with an ordinary carriage-way, having the same width between curbs as is now fixed on Girard Avenue at the approaches. The work upon said Bridge to be commenced within ten days after the execution of the contract, and when completed, and the quality of the material and workmanship approved, and the structure accepted by the Chief Engineer and Surveyor on the part of the City, an estimate shall be made by said Chief Engineer and Surveyor, of the amount of work done upon said Bridge, specifying items and prices as follows:

Foundation Excavation, 18 cents per cubic yard.

Stone Masonry, including coping, \$5,50 per perch of 25 cubic feet.

Stone Cutting, 37½ cents per square foot face.

Brick Masonry, including centers, \$10,50 per thousand.

Concrete, 60 cents per cubic yard.

Cubical Block and Brick Paving, \$3,00 and 50 cents respectively, per square yard.

Flag Stone, \$3,00 per square yard.

Curbing, 50 cents per lineal foot.

Gutter Stone, 30 cents per lineal foot.

Wrought Iron Work, $8\frac{1}{2}$ cents per pound.

Cast Iron Work, exclusive of patterns, 3 cents per pound.

Railing, \$5,00 per lineal foot.

Upon the presentation of which estimate, duly signed and approved by the said Chief Engineer and Surveyor, the Chief Commissioner of Highways shall issue a warrant to the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company, of an amount equal to the one half of said estimate as payment in full on said contract, payable out of Item No. 18 of appropriation made to the Department of Highways, &c. for the year 1857, approved March 16th, 1857, Provided the amount thus made payable to the Railroad Company shall not exceed the sum of fourteen thousand dollars.

SECTION 2. That the Department of Surveys be and is hereby directed to revise the grades upon Girard Avenue, from Twenty-ninth street to the Bridge over the river Schuylkill, and such connecting and adjoining streets as may be necessary to suit the crossing of the Reading Railroad with the proposed Bridge.

APPENDIX No. 269.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Ordinance making an appropriation to the Board of Controllers of Public Schools, for

the purpose of rebuilding or repairing the building heretofore occupied by the Levering School in the Twenty-first Ward, has received executive approval.

The second section of an Act of the General Assembly, approved 13th of February, 1857, is in the following words:

SECTION 2. That the said "City of Philadelphia" shall erect, maintain, provide for and keep in repair a school and school-house thereon for the use of the neighborhood in accordance with and subject to the laws and regulations governing the first School District of Pennsylvania, which are now in force or may hereafter be enacted.

The Act of which the second section has been quoted has reference to this "Levering School."

The last section of this Act provides that all other Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with the previous enactments of the law are repealed.

This Act of the Legislature takes this particular school and school-house out of the operation of the twentieth and twenty-first sections of the Act of April 21, 1855.

Under this view of the subject the Ordinance has been approved, but I cannot permit this instance of special legislation, by silent acquiescence as to its propriety, to be thus made a precedent.

Thus, to tamper with a general law, will become not only dangerous, but involve any system of public policy in a confusion which will be destructive.

In municipal affairs it will work most serious consequences to the public, and I can but hope no repetition of such action will be allowed to occur without decided reprobation.

The act of 13th of February, 1857, is hereto annexed.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX.
Mayor of Philadelphia.

AN ACT

To repeal the seventh section of an Act incorporating the Roxborough Lyceum, approved May eighth, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and to vest the trust of certain School Property in the City of Philadelphia.

WHEREAS, A certain William Levering, and Hannah, his wife, by a certain deed of indenture, bearing date the first day of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and forty-eight, (recorded at Philadelphia, in deed book number fifty-one, page forty-six,) granted and conveyed a certain lot or piece of land, situate in the township of Roxborough, in the County of Philadelphia, containing twenty perches of land, unto Jacob Levering, Peter Righter, Abraham Levering, Richard Levering, Daniel Barndole, John Grover, John Holdgate, and John Wood, in trust for the use of a school and school-house forever.

AND WHEREAS, The aforesaid William Levering, by an indenture bearing date the thirteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-one, (recorded in deed book number forty-nine, page four hundred and seventy-six,) granted and conveyed to the same parties a certain additional strip or piece of land on the north side of the above first granted twenty perches of land, containing ten perches of land, in trust for the use of a school and school-house.

AND WHEREAS, A certain Andrew Wood, and Elizabeth, his wife, by a certain deed of indenture, bearing date the thirtieth day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-one, (recorded in deed book number fifty-one, page forty-eight,) granted and conveyed to the same parties a certain piece or slip of land, situate on the south side of the first mentioned granted and conveyed twenty perches of land, containing ten perches of land, in trust for the use of a school and school-house.

AND WHEREAS, By a certain deed of indenture, bearing date the seventh day of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and four, (recorded in deed book E. F. number seventeen, page

three hundred and nine,) Abraham Levering, the sole and only survivor of the above named grantees, in trust granted and conveyed all the above named lots or pieces of land, containing together one quarter of an acre of land and the building thereon erected, to Michael Righter and others in trust, for the use of a school and school-house and for no other use or purpose whatever.

AND WHEREAS, The said trustees were incorporated by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, on the twenty-eighth day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, (enrolled at Harrisburg, in charter book number three, page four hundred and nineteen,) and exercised the privileges of the said charter until the enactment of the "Act to consolidate and amend the several acts relative to a general system of education by common schools, passed June thirteenth, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, and the thirty-second section of an Act relative to the election of Borough and Township officers and for other purposes, passed March seventh, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and forty, by which acts the duties and privileges of the corporators were virtually vested in and exercised by the directors of public schools of the Township of Roxborough.

AND WHEREAS, It is desirable that the said land and building thereon should be vested in the City of Philadelphia, in trust, nevertheless for the uses and purposes for which the same was granted, therefore

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the title to and possession of certain lots or pieces of land, situate on the Ridge turnpike road, between the sixth and seventh mile stones, granted and conveyed by Abraham Levering, trustee to Michael Righter and others in trust, for the use of a school and school-house and for no other purpose whatever, be and hereby is vested

in the "City of Philadelphia," in trust, for the use of a public school.

SECTION 2. That the said "City of Philadelphia" shall erect, maintain, provide for and keep in repair a school and school-house thereon, for the use of the neighborhood, in accordance with and subject to the laws and regulations governing the first School District of Pennsylvania, which are now in force or may hereafter be enacted.

SECTION 3. That the seventh section of an Act to incorporate the Roxborough Lyceum, approved May eighth, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and all other acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith be and hereby are repealed.

J. LAWRENCE GETZ,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

DAVID TAGGART,

Speaker of the Senate.

Approved the thirteenth day of February, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

JAS. POLLOCK.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH, }
HARRISBURG, February 24, A. D. 1857. }
Pennsylvania, ss.



I do hereby certify that the foregoing and annexed is a full, true and correct copy of the original Act of the General Assembly as the same remains on file in this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the Seal of the Secretary's Office to be affixed, the day and year above written.

A. C. CURTIN,

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

APPENDIX No. 270.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, }
 April 23, 1857. }

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: Enclosed I have the honor to transmit the report of the persons authorized by the Joint Resolution of Councils, approved April 11, 1857, to vote at the meeting of the Stockholders of the Hempfield Railroad Company, on the question of consolidating said Company with the Chartiers Valley Railroad Company.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX.

Mayor of Philadelphia.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: Under the authority and by direction of the Joint Resolution of Councils, approved April 11, 1857, the undersigned visited the Borough of Washington, in Washington County, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of voting on the question of accepting a Supplement to the Charter of the Hempfield Railroad Company, &c., passed at the present session of the General Assembly of this State. Before reporting the action under the requirements of the said Joint Resolution, it is deemed proper to give to Councils information obtained on the subject, and which governed the undersigned in their representative capacity, on the questions submitted.

It is at least worthy of comment that no report has been made to Councils of this Company for some time. No full report has been submitted, by which the public of Philadelphia could understand the condition and prospects of this Company, in which \$600,000 of the public money has been invested. No statement has been presented in relation to this very important Act

of the Legislature, consolidating the Hempfield and the Chartiers Valley Railroad Company. Remarkable as this undoubtedly appears, it is at least equally inexplicable, that at the meeting of the Stockholders, called to vote on this question, no authentic report in writing was presented by the official agents of the Stockholders, either as to the present condition of the Hempfield Company or its prospects, nor any statement of the condition and character of the Railroad Company, with which the Company was to be thus united.

The undersigned feel it their duty to make these remarks, because they are of opinion that such inadvertence should not pass unnoticed. They who have obtained so large an amount of the money raised on the credit, and to be paid by taxation of the citizens of Philadelphia, are hardly excusable in omitting to present a full and accurate statement of the disposition or expenditure of a sum so obtained. It will at least awaken attention to the subject and check for the future, investments of public money in such corporations, not identified with the true interests of our State and its metropolis, and which seem to regard the payment by the people of principal and interest all that the recipients deemed worthy of their attention. If it has not this effect, it will, it is to be hoped, render efforts to obtain subscriptions from the City of Philadelphia more difficult in the future. If these effects are not produced, then it will render, at least, most necessary that some of the directors of the Company should be appointed by the City authorities, and be required by Ordinance to report to Councils on the condition and character of the trust they are required to guard.

The undersigned were unable before leaving Philadelphia, on the 11th of April, to obtain from any source, necessary information, or even a correct copy of the Act of the Legislature to be submitted to the vote of the Stockholders of the Company. The Hempfield Railroad Company was chartered by the Legislature of Pennsylvania on the 15th day of May, 1850.

The capital was 4,000 shares at \$50, increased to \$2,000,000.

Of this capital stock, the City of Philadelphia took \$500,000; Spring Garden, \$100,000; Private, \$26,000; Washington County, \$200,000; Washington Borough, \$50,000; Private in Washington County, \$90,000; Ohio County, Virginia, \$300,000; City of Wheeling, Virginia, \$250,000; (Depot lot valued at \$50,000;) Private in City of Wheeling and Ohio County, \$150,000; Monongahela City, Washington County, \$25,000; Private in Westmoreland County, \$18,000; other subscriptions not known—making together about *Two Millions* of Dollars. Of this amount subscribed, a portion has not yet been paid. Besides the stock issued and paid for, the Company have executed bonds for \$1,000,000. These bonds have been hypothicated, but to whom, at what per cent, and for the security of what liabilities, we are unable now specifically to state.

The Railroad authorized by the Charter to be constructed, was to connect the Ohio river at Wheeling, Virginia, with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Greensburgh, Westmoreland County, passing through the Borough of Washington, Washington County, Pennsylvania. The distance was about 72 miles. Of this rout about 22 miles have been finished and are in running order to Clayville, and about 10 miles is graded and nearly ready for the rails to Washington. The cost of the road from Wheeling to Clayville has consumed all the available funds of the Company. It is now unable to finish the road to Washington. From a report printed in the Wheeling, Virginia Intelligencer, under date of January 6th, 1857, addressed to the Stockholders of the Hempfield Railroad, as showing "the operations of the Company for the past year," and dated November 17, 1856, the following extracts are taken:

"Upon that part of the line between Wheeling and Washington, at the date of the last annual report, the following amount has been expended in construction of the road, viz:

For Graduation,	-	-	-	-	\$781,000
“ Masonry,	-	-	-	-	138,700
“ Bridge Superstructure,	-	-	-	-	2,800
“ Railway,	-	-	-	-	61,000

Making a total for these specific objects of \$983,500

“ Since the last report, the expenditures for the same objects have been as follows, viz :

For Graduation,	-	-	-	-	\$145,773
“ Masonry,	-	-	-	-	6,300
“ Bridge Superstructure,	-	-	-	-	7,119
“ Railway,	-	-	-	-	174,776

Making a total during the past year of - \$333,968

By which it is shown that the total expenditure of the Company, from the beginning for these objects, has been as follows :

For Graduation,	-	-	-	-	\$926,773
“ Masonry,	-	-	-	-	145,000
“ Bridge Superstructure,	-	-	-	-	9,919
“ Railway,	-	-	-	-	235,776

Making a total for that part of the road }
so far as the same has been prosecuted } \$1,317,668
of }

For the Depot and Machine Shops at }
Wheeling, has been expended the sum } 2,700
of }

And for the purpose of rolling stock and }
machinery, chiefly for the purpose of } 38,000
construction, the sum of }

“ From the report of the Chief Engineer it will also be seen, that the rails have been laid to a point about 22 miles from Wheeling, and within 10 miles of Washington ; beyond that point the road-bed is ready for the track as far as Washington Borough, with the exception of a few days' work yet required on sections 23 and 25. To complete the track to Washington, that officer estimates it will require a further expenditure of the following amount, viz :

For Graduation,	-	-	-	\$80,000
“ Railway Superstructure,	-	-	-	4,000

Making a total of - - - 84,000

“The Board would also call attention to his suggestions in relation to the additional water stations, equipment of repair shops, buildings for the repair and protection of locomotives and cars, and the purchase of additional passenger and freight cars.

“The estimated cost of these improvements and additions is as follows :

For engine and car house, water stations, &c.,	\$12,000
“ Tools for machine shops, &c.,	- - 8,000
“ Additional passenger and freight cars,	12,000

Making a total of - - - \$32,000

“Which being added to the estimated cost of placing the road in working order from Wheeling to Washington, as before stated, will give a total of \$116,000.”

It will be seen from the above statement that the road from Wheeling to Clayville, 22 miles now running, and the 10 miles unfinished to Washington, has cost \$1,317,468, and that to finish the 10 miles to Washington and place on it the additional rolling stock necessary, will increase the cost to the estimated sum of \$116,000, but an actual cost of nearly \$130,000, so that the road completed in running order from Wheeling to Washington, a distance of about 32 miles, will cost, say, one million and a half. Between Washington and Greensburgh, the eastern terminus of the road, about \$300,000 have already been expended in the vain efforts to establish a route.

No account of this expenditure has been in the power of the undersigned to obtain.

The difficulty is somewhat obscure, except that two routes exist, one by the Little and the other by the Big Sewickley creek. Either route will cost over \$2,000,000, to complete and put in running order. From all the sources of reliable information the un-

dersigned are of opinion, that to finish the Hempfield Railroad from Wheeling to Greensburgh, an additional sum of from \$2,500,000, to \$3,000,000 to that already expended will be required. It will be understood, that this is an estimated sum, and embraces the cost of finishing the road from Claysville to Washington, and making a road from Washington to Greensburgh. The undersigned have no hesitation in full consideration of all the facts presented to their consideration, to express their conviction, that no more ruinous or unprofitable expenditure of money could well be suggested than that necessary to make this road from Washington to Greensburgh, considering the results to be thereby attained.

The financial condition of the Company is not such as to offer strong grounds for trusting to an early or an easy effort for such a consideration.

From the report already quoted the following extract is taken :

“1st. The amount charged as disbursements for Commissioners on sales and discounts on various subscription bonds and for interest paid on these bonds, for loans and to Stockholders, prior to October 1st, 1855, amounts to the total sum of \$256,293,27 ; these several accounts have been increased by the addition of \$89,607,81, during the year ending September 30, 1856, making the total of these disbursements from the beginning to the last named period \$345,901,08. The capital stock of the Company now amounting to \$1,768,435,37, these disbursements are shown to amount to very nearly one-fifth of the capital stock. That part of this amount charged for payments of interest on subscription bonds, and to Stockholders, would more than cover the estimated cost of completing the road from Wheeling to Washington, which would insure an immediate and rapidly increasing revenue, apart from the importance so clearly resulting from the success of arrangements to be hereafter explained.

“2d. The securities of the Company, including the mortgages, bonds (\$1,000,000) amount to the sum of

\$1,288,000. These securities, with the exceptions of \$388,000 in Mr. Crangle's hands, are pledged as collateral for the payment of indebtedness, so far below their actual value, that the most watchful vigilance should be used to prevent their sacrifice.

"Upon these facts the Board would respectfully submit to the Stockholders, what must be apparent to every one giving the subject a candid consideration, that the Company has been greatly embarrassed and crippled in its operations by being compelled to pay interest upon its stock. The fulfilment of this obligation and the sacrifices required for that fulfilment, have produced the effect mentioned, and their continuance and repetition must lead inevitably to results which the Board need not discuss. They submit the subject to the sagacious forecast of all interested, with the candid declaration of their own conviction, that it will be found impracticable for the Company to continue the payment of the interests hereafter accruing upon the subscription bonds delivered by the Counties of Washington and Ohio, the Borough of Washington and the City of Wheeling. The payment of this interest to the 15th inst. has been arranged, and having declined paying any interest to the individual Stockholders since July 1st, 1855, they cannot undertake longer to continue a policy, which however just under other circumstances, is not even plausible under the circumstances which now surround this Company."

If, however, any one is sanguine enough to press this road to completion, one fact alone would satisfy the cautious and prudent observer of the entire absence of advantage to Philadelphia.

If ever the road should be made, it will intersect the Pittsburg and Connellsville road, about 18 miles south of Pittsburgh, where the trade would most probably take the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad to Baltimore. This divergence would not only greatly injure the interests of Philadelphia, and under the enormous expenditure of \$2,500,000, valueless for either trade, revenue or profit, so far as Philadelphia interests or Stockholders are concerned. It is known that the

receipts of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad are gradually increasing, to the injury of the Pennsylvania Railroad. The Connellsville road is in running order and if completed to Cumberland, 147 miles from Pittsburgh, it will require all the energy of the eastern part of Pennsylvania, to complete the Chambersburgh and Alleghany Railroad in order to draw the trade to Philadelphia. This could be accomplished for less than it will cost to finish the road from Washington to Greensburgh. The advantages to be gained by making the former road are most apparent. In order to give a clear view of this subject the undersigned ask leave to refer to a map attached to this report, which fully explains the whole subject of routes. This map is not in general circulation, but has great value from the known ability of Mr. Barnes not only as engineer, but a gentleman whose knowledge and experience are of a very high order.

The Chartiers Valley Railroad Company was chartered by the Legislature of Pennsylvania, February 8th, 1853, with a capital of \$500,000. The Act of incorporation authorized a road to be built from Pittsburgh to Washington, a distance of about 30 miles. The route has been surveyed, much work has already been done. There yet remains graduation, masonry, and bridges to be completed and the ties and rails to be laid. For the work now finished about \$350,000 have been expended, and the Company estimate that it will require an additional sum of about \$400,000 to complete and equip the road, exclusive of its outstanding indebtedness. The amount of this indebtedness and the mortgage bonds issued by the Company it is not in our power to state. Various agreements have been made between this and the Stenbenville and the Pennsylvania Railroad Companies, having for their object a direct connection with the Pennsylvania Railroad in the City of Pittsburgh. They are considered most favorable in their terms, and advantageous in an eminent degree to secure the trade over the great Pennsylvania Railroad to Philadelphia. When the Chartiers Valley Railroad from Washington

to Pittsburgh, and the road from Wheeling to Washington are finished, a direct connection is established between Philadelphia and Wheeling on the Ohio. This can be effected by the outlay of about half a million of dollars. Under this view the Legislature of Pennsylvania passed the act authorizing the Stockholders of both Companies to consolidate each into a corporation to be called the Ohio Valley Railroad Company. A copy of the terms and conditions of said consolidation are attached hereto. It will be observed that if this plan is successful, all the benefits to be derived by making the road from Washington to Greensburgh are accomplished.

The distance from Washington to Pittsburgh over the Chartiers Valley Road is about 30 miles—from Washington to Greensburgh is about 44 miles. The route from Wheeling to Greensburgh by the Hempfield Road if completed, will be 17 miles less than the route via Washington and the Chartiers Road to Pittsburgh. This saving of this distance will hardly pay the enormous cost of this 17 miles. The grades are heavy, and the time to run it will be not much less than over the other line. It should not be forgotten that every dollar paid for freight and travel over this 17 miles is so much lost to the Pennsylvania Railroad, in which Philadelphia has a deep and increasing and remunerating interest.

One route is surveyed, the road partly finished, and its completion will cost, say, half a million of dollars. On the other \$300,000 have been already spent, no route finally agreed upon, and the costs to make the road cannot be estimated at less than \$2,500,000. All the real advantages of the last route, at its enormous cost will be secured by the former road at a reasonable outlay. No present fears need be entertained of the divergence of the trade by the Connellsville Road, although the necessity at an early day of making a connection over the Cumberland and Alleghany Railroad is even now apparent. Regarding the information thus obtained as reliable, the undersigned voted at the meeting of the Stockholders of the Hempfield

Railroad for consolidation. The vote then taken stood as follows:

For Consolidation,	-	-	-	-	32,819
Against,	-	-	-	-	731

This vote indicates the opinion entertained by the Stockholders as to the propriety of the consolidation, and nature of the terms of the Articles of Agreement by which it was to be accomplished.

The Stockholders of the Chartiers Valley Railroad have not acted on the subject, and until such action the question is not finally settled.

The consolidation road, if created, will be called the Ohio Valley Railroad Company, with a capital of \$3,000,000. Its importance cannot be too highly estimated by the business interests of Philadelphia. That it may go into early and successful operation, every one anxious for Pennsylvania and Philadelphia interests must desire. Local, rival and petty interests and individual jealousies, may not comprehend the scope of plans which benefit an entire community at the sacrifice of peculiar or particular claims; wise and judicious legislation is that which expresses the will and fosters the interests of community, leaving minor considerations and special objects to seek advantage from a general benefit.

Of the character of the Acts of the Legislature of Ohio, made to bear upon the affairs of the Ohio Valley Railroad Company, if it becomes a corporation, under the articles of agreement of consolidation, it is not now deemed necessary to speak. There appears to be no objectionable feature in any of the provisions of these laws. The Legislature of Ohio, like that of some other States, is not exempt from the effect of influences pregnant of public good by the medium of corporate privileges and powers.

RICHARD VAUX, }
CHARLES HUBBELL, } *Committee.*

Philadelphia, April 23. 1857.

ARTICLES OF CONSOLIDATION

Made and entered into this twenty-fifth day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, between the Chartiers Valley Railroad Company, a Corporation existing under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania, and the Hempfield Railroad Company, a Corporation existing under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania and Virginia.

WHEREAS, The Railroads respectively owned by the Companies above named constitute a continuous line of Railway of uniform guage from the City of Wheeling, in the State of Virginia, to the City of Pittsburgh, in the State of Pennsylvania, and the Directors of the said Companies upon mature consideration have determined that the interests of the respective Stockholders of said Companies and the public interest and convenience will be greatly promoted by the union of their said roads into one road, and connecting the said roads within the limits of the Borough of Washington, and by the consolidation of the respective stock of said Companies into one common consolidation stock; *and whereas*, at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, held in the City of Philadelphia, on the 26th day of November, 1856, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted :

WHEREAS, The Articles of Agreement entered into the 15th day of October, 1856, between the Marietta and Cincinnati Railroad Company, the Hillsborough and Cincinnati Railroad Company, corporations created by the laws of the State of Ohio, the Chartiers Valley Railroad Company, and the Hempfield Railroad Company, corporations created by the laws of the State of Pennsylvania, (acting by their respective representatives,) having been submitted to the Directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; Therefore

Resolved, That the President of this Company, be, and he is hereby authorized to execute a contract with the several Companies before mentioned, which Companies it is proposed to consolidate into one Company, under the name and style of the Ohio Valley Railroad Company, which contract shall embrace the following terms and conditions:

ARTICLE 1. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company will agree to place the consolidated Company at all times upon as favorable a footing for eastward and westward sound freight and passengers as any other Company with which the Pennsylvania Railroad Company may have arrangements for traffic; *Provided*, That the said Ohio Valley Railroad Company shall keep and maintain their road in good running condition, and furnish facilities for transportation of freight and passengers equal to those furnished by the Western Railroad Companies.

ARTICLE 2. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company will further agree to extend the track of their road from the passenger station in the City of Pittsburgh to and across the Monongahela river, by a Railroad Bridge, to be constructed by them, and connect the same on the south bank of the Monongahela river with the line which connects with the said consolidated Company's road, and shall further agree to permit the use of said Bridge and Railway to their depot and needful parts of such depot in the City of Pittsburgh, by the said consolidated Company paying for the same at a reasonable and equitable charge for such occupation.

ARTICLE 3. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company shall further agree that the rates of freight bound eastward and westward shall be fixed and determined from time to time by the President of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and of the Ohio Valley Railroad Company, said rates to be nevertheless always charged pro-rata upon the distance on said roads respectively, and in case of disagreement between the officers as to the rates aforesaid, they shall be authorized to select an arbiter to determine and fix the said rates.

ARTICLE 4. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company will agree upon just and equitable terms to permit their motive power and rolling stock to be used upon and for that portion of the road of the consolidated Company from Pittsburgh to Wheeling until the

western portion thereof shall be extended to Cincinnati and the Bridge across the Ohio at Wheeling be completed; the consolidated Company agreeing upon such completion to purchase the said motive power and rolling stock at a fair price, if then required to do so by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

ARTICLE 5. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company shall further agree that the said contract in respect to the use of the said Railroads, and the adjustment of the rates of freight thereon, shall continue for the term of ten years from the date of the execution of the said contract.

Resolved, That in the event of the Marietta and Cincinnati, and Hillsborough and Cincinnati Railroad Companies not coming into the proposed consolidation, then and in that case these resolutions shall be made applicable to the consolidation of the Hempfield and Chartiers Valley Railroad Companies when perfected, under the title of the Ohio Valley Railroad Company.

AND WHEREAS, ALSO, The said Companies are authorized by an Act of the Legislature of Pennsylvania to effect such union of their respective grades, approved the _____, and to form by consolidation of their corporate rights and franchises one Joint Stock Company, and have agreed so to do upon the terms and conditions hereinafter mentioned and contained.

NOW, THEREFORE, The agreement made by and between the corporations above named parties hereto, under and by virtue of the authority conferred upon them by the said act,

Witnesseth, That the said Chartiers Valley Railroad Company and the Hempfield Railroad Company do agree, and each for itself doth severally agree, that the said Companies shall be consolidated into and form one corporation, under the name and style of the "Ohio Valley Railroad Company." And in pursuance of the said Act of Legislature, the said parties hereto do hereby prescribed, the following terms and condi-

tions of the said consolidation and do respectively agree thereto, and to the mode of carrying the same into effect as herein provided for.

ARTICLE 1. The Directors of the said Ohio Valley Railroad Company shall be nine in number, three of whom shall reside in Ohio County, Virginia, and six in Pennsylvania, three of these shall reside in Allegheny County.

ARTICLE 2. The first election for Directors of said Ohio Valley Railroad Company shall be held at the office of the Chartiers Valley Railroad Company in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on the _____, 10 o'clock, A. M. and 5 o'clock, P. M.

The following persons, to wit: George E. Arnold, Daniel Houston and Joseph All, Stockholders in one or other of said Companies, are hereby appointed Inspectors or Judges of said election to perform all the usual duties required by law in such cases. The inspector or inspectors attending at the time and place fixed for the election shall have power to fill any vacancy occasioned by the non-attendance of any one or more of their number by substituting the name of another Stockholder in either of the Companies.

All Stockholders in the Companies entitled to vote at any election for Directors in either of the Companies, parties to this agreement, shall have the right to vote at said election in person or by proxy, and shall be severally entitled to one vote for each share of stock (being fifty dollars at par,) held by such Stockholder in either of said Companies. The nine persons being Stockholders in one or other of the said Companies, parties hereto, receiving the highest number of votes of said election shall be the first Directors of the Ohio Valley Railroad Company, and shall hold their office for one year and until their successors are chosen according to law, and any vacancy occurrng by death, resignation or otherwise, shall be filled by the remaining members of the Board.

ARTICLE 3. Said Directors shall at the first meeting after the election elect a President from their own number, and shall also then, or as soon as conveniently

may be thereafter, elect or appoint a Secretary and Treasurer of said Company, and such other officers, Engineers, Superintendents, Clerks, Agents, Assistants, and other employees as they shall from time to time find necessary.

ARTICLE 4. After the consolidation herein provided for, is perfected, and after said first election, Stockholders in said consolidated Company only by surrender of and exchange of their certificates in their respective Companies, or otherwise, shall be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Stockholders of said consolidated Company.

ARTICLE 5. The capital stock of the said Ohio Valley Railroad Company shall be three millions of dollars, to be divided into sixty thousand shares, of fifty dollars each, the Stockholders of the Hempfield Railroad Company and the Chartiers Valley Railroad Company shall receive one share of the stock of the Ohio Valley Railroad Company for each and every share held by them in their respective Companies, and the Stockholders in said Chartiers Valley Railroad Company in addition thereto shall receive from the said Ohio Valley Railroad Company stock to the amount of fifty thousand dollars, which stock shall be rateably distributed amongst them in certificates of stock or scrip where their *pro-rata* would be less than one share; and the Directors of said new corporation may increase the capital stock thereof when necessary in accordance with the several Acts of Assembly:

ARTICLE 6. In all cases in which subscriptions or agreements with either of said Companies, parties hereto, for the stock of either of said Companies, have been heretofore made by any person or persons, or bodies corporate or politic, and said subscriptions or contracts for stock yet remain unpaid or unperformed either in whole or in part, the stock of said consolidated Company may upon payment of said subscriptions, or performance of said contracts be issued to the said subscriber in the same manner as the said several Companies, parties hereto, would have been bound to issue their stock respectively, had not this consolida-

tion taken effect, and subject to the valuations herein-after specified, and in all cases where fractional shares shall be found due to Stockholders, when converting their present stock into the stock of the consolidated Company, scrip stock shall be issued for such fraction, entitling the holders to a full share of stock on the payment of the difference in money, or on presentation of fifty dollars of such scrip stock.

ARTICLE 7. The said new corporation shall, without delay after its organization, issue to the Stockholders of the respective Companies, parties hereto, and entitled thereto as aforesaid, and in proportion to their respective interests in the stock of the consolidated Company, certificates of stock in said Ohio Valley Railroad Company, of such form as may be deemed advisable and be presented by the Directors of said new Company.

ARTICLE 8. All and singular the rights, franchises, privileges, real estate, depot grounds, rights of way, road bed, Railroad, iron rails, engines, cars, machinery, rolling stock, debts, dues, demands, cases in action, and property of every description, name and nature, in which the said Chartiers Valley and Hempfield Railroad Companies, have respectively any right, title, or interest, whether in possession, reversion or remainder, with the appurtenances upon the ratification of these articles, and the election of the first Board of Directors of the said Ohio Valley Railroad Company, as herein and by law provided for, and from thenceforth shall be held, owned, and controlled by the said Ohio Valley Railroad Company, their successors and assigns as fully and completely to all intents and purposes as said several Companies do or can now hold, own, use, or contract the same; and no further conveyance or assurance shall be required for the full and complete vesting thereof in the said Ohio Valley Railroad Company.

ARTICLE 9. All just debts, guarantees and liabilities existing against said several companies, parties hereto at the time of the taking effect of this consolidation, shall be and are hereby assumed, and the same shall

be provided for, paid and discharged by the said Ohio Valley Railroad Company.

ARTICLE 10. All the books, vouchers, records, muni-ments of title and other documents pertaining to the business or property of the said several companies, parties hereto, shall be placed in the office of the Secretary of the said consolidated Company, and the said books, records and papers, shall be deemed and taken, so far as necessary, as the records and books of said consolidated Company, and said books, records, vouchers and papers, shall be subject to the proper examination and inspection of all parties interested therein, as if the same had remained in the office of the original companies.

ARTICLE 11. It is agreed that these articles of consolidation shall be submitted to the Stockholders of each of said companies, parties hereto, at a meeting thereof, called separately, for the purpose of taking the same into consideration; due notice of the time and place of such meeting, and the object thereof, shall be given. The time of such meeting of the Stockholders of said Chartiers Valley Railroad Company shall be on Tuesday, the 14th day of April, 1857; the place, the office of the Company in the city of Pittsburgh. The time of such meeting of the Stockholders of the said Hempfield Railroad Company shall be on Tuesday, the 14th day of April, 1857; the place, the office of the Company, in the Borough of Washington, Pennsylvania.

ARTICLE 12. All elections for Directors of said Consolidated Company after the first election herein provided for, shall take place at the principal office of the Company, which shall be in the city of Pittsburgh, at such time, and in such manner, as may be prescribed by the By-laws of the Board of Directors of the Consolidated Company.

In witness whereof, the corporate seals of the respective companies, parties to this agreement have been affixed hereto, in _____ on the day and year first above written, and the Presidents of each of the

said companies have also, at the same time, and in behalf of the said respective companies, hereto affixed their name in virtue of resolutions of the said several Boards of Directors, passed at respective meetings thereof.

Signed by

J. K. MOOREHEAD,

Pres't Chartiers Valley R. R. Co.

[SEAL C. V. R. R. Co.] C. M. REED,

[SEAL H. R. Co.] *Pres't Hempfield R. R. Co.*

APPENDIX No. 271.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred a resolution from Select Council, to authorize the Chief Engineer and Surveyor to draw a warrant in favor of E. and J. Duff, report the same as committed and ask its adoption.

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman,*

THOS. CRAVEN,

ABRAHAM BAKER,

JOSHUA T. OWEN.

April 30, 1857.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Chief Engineer and

Surveyor be authorized to draw a warrant in favor of E. & J. Duff, for one hundred and twenty-four dollars, the amount of their claim for carriage hire for the Department of Surveys in 1856, the same to be chargeable to Item 29, of the appropriation to that department for 1857.

APPENDIX No. 272.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee of Finance, to whom was referred a Joint Resolution, requesting the members of the Senate and House of Representatives of Pennsylvania, from the City of Philadelphia, to vote for the passage of a law repealing so much of a certain Act of Assembly, requiring the Receiver of Taxes to send agents to certain Wards to receive the taxes, respectfully report the same as committed and ask its adoption.

CHAS. V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
ABM. BAKER,
THOMAS CRAVEN.
JOSHUA T. OWEN.

April 29, 1857.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the City of Philadelphia be requested to vote for the passage of a law repealing so much of the eleventh section of an Act, entitled a further Supplement to an Act, entitled an Act to incorporate the City of Philadelphia, approved the 2d day of February, 1854, requiring the Receiver of

Taxes to cause an agent to attend for him at least two days in the month of June and each succeeding month of the year, to receive the taxes owing by persons resident within the Wards in which the following places are situate, to wit: Germantown, Frankford, Manayunk, Bustleton, Holmesburg, Somerton, Hestonville, Haddington, and Paschallville.

APPENDIX No. 273.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the Bills of the Coroner, for the months of September, October, November and December, 1856, respectfully report the annexed ordinance." To make an appropriation to pay the same, and ask its passage.

CHAS. V. HAGNER, *Chairman,*

THOMAS CRAVEN.

ABM. BAKER,

JOSHUA T. OWEN.

April 23, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To make an appropriation to pay the bills of Joseph Delavan, Coroner, for the months of September, October, November, and December, 1856.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain that the sum of seventeen hundred and ten dollars and fifty-eight cents be, and the same is hereby appropriated to pay Joseph Delavan, Coroner, for services and expenses for the months of September, October, November, and December, 1856, and that the same shall be paid out of the appropriation of Item 21, in an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation to the De-

partment of City Commissioner, to meet the expenses of that Department for the year 1857," approved March 17th, 1857; and so much of said appropriation in said Item 21 as is necessary therefor, is hereby transferred for the purpose aforesaid.

SECTION 2. Warrants for the payment of the same shall be drawn by the City Commissioner according to law.

APPENDIX No. 274.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the Bill from Select Council "To make an appropriation for the purposes therein mentioned," report the same, with the following amendments:

8. To pay Geo. W. Chambers three months services as Vaccine Physician, 4th Ward, due January 5th, 1857, \$12 50.

9. To pay Neall, Matthews & Co. for six tops and six rails for lamp posts, \$7 44.

10. To Washington Whilden for compensation as Police officer, during his confinement to the house, from injuries received in the discharge of his official duties during the early part of 1856, forty-one dollars and ten cents. \$41 10.

Amend the 1st Section by striking out "thirty-seven," and insert "ninety-eight," and strike out "forty-two cents," and insert "forty-six cents."

Amend the 2d Section by adding to the end:

8. The Board of Health.

9. Chief Commissioner of Highways.

10. By the Marshal of Police.

CHAS. V. HAGNER,	} Committee.
ABM. BAKER,	
THOMAS CRAVEN,	
JOSHUA T. OWEN.	

April 30, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 275.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee of Finance, to whom was referred the petition of Henry Bickley, John S. Bickley, Andrew Huston, Maria Arrison and William Kirk, asking to be released from a certain judgment against them, conditioned for the faithful performance of certain covenants on their part to be performed, contained in a contract to cleanse the streets in the Fifth and Sixth Districts of the City of Philadelphia have had the same under consideration, and ask the adoption of the annexed resolution :

CHARLES V. HAGNER, *Chairman*,
ABM. BAKER,
JOSHUA T. OWEN,
THOS. CRAVEN.

April 30, 1857.

RESOLUTION.

To authorize a release of certain property of William Kirk from the lien of a judgment.

Resolved, by the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the Mayor of the city is hereby authorized and required to execute a release or covenant of execution of the following described property of William Kirk, viz.: All that certain four story brick messuage or tenement and lot or piece of ground situate on the south side of Pine street, at the distance of seventy-two feet, six inches westward, from the west side of Thirteenth street, in the city of Philadelphia, containing in front or breadth on the said Pine street seventeen feet, six inches, and extending in length or depth, southward, of that width, eighty feet, to Dorsey street, bounded northward by the said Pine street, southward by the said Dorsey street, eastward

and westward by ground now or late of Henry Cramond. Also, all that certain four story brick messuage or tenement and lot or piece of ground, situate on the south side of Pine street, at the distance of thirty-seven feet six inches westward from the west side of Thirteenth street, in the said city, containing in front or breadth on the said Pine street, seventeen feet six inches, and extending in length or depth, southward of that width, eighty feet, to Dorsey street, bounded northward by the said Pine street, southward by the said Dorsey street, eastward and westward by ground now or formerly of Henry Cramond. Also, a lot of ground on the south side of Walnut street, at the distance of one hundred and fourteen feet westward from the west side of Twentieth street, containing in front, on the said Walnut street, sixty-nine feet six inches, and in depth, southward of that breadth, two hundred and thirty feet six inches. And also, a lot of ground situate in the Square between Walnut and Locust streets, at the distance of sixty feet south of Walnut street, and one hundred and eighty-three feet six inches westward from the west side of the said Twentieth street containing in breadth, east and west, sixty-four feet, and in depth, north and south, one hundred and seventy feet, bounded eastward by the above described lot, from the lien of a certain judgment entered in the Supreme Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, against Henry Bickley, John S. Bickley, Andrew Huston, Matthew Arrison, and William Kirk, for fifteen thousand dollars, on the seventh day of October, 1856, in favor of the City of Philadelphia, of the January Term, 1857, No. 75, Provided the other defendants, or their legal representatives in said judgment, shall consent to said release.

APPENDIX No. 276.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WATER WORKS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Water Works, of Common Council, report, that they have had the annexed Resolution from Select Council under consideration and recommend Common Council to concur in the same.

D. S. HASSINGER, *Chairman*,
 ANDREW J. HOLMAN,
 B. F. WRIGHT,
 CHARLES E. LEX,
 WM. HORROCKS,
 JOSEPH P. FITLER,

April 30, 1857.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Chief Engineer of the Water Department be and is hereby authorized to draw on item No. 40, of the appropriation for the department supplying the City with water, approved March 6, 1857, to an amount not exceeding six hundred and fifty dollars, to pay an assistant in making pipe plans of the City.

APPENDIX No. 277.

REPORT OF POLICE COMMITTEE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: Your Police Committee to whom was referred the petition of citizens and property holders on N. Second st., praying that the new line of omnibuses running on Second street and Franklin avenue be removed, beg leave to report that they have carefully

considered the subject committed to them and believe that the interest and convenience of the citizens in the north-eastern part of our City demand that the above line should *not* be discontinued; they therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Police Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

LEWIS BREMER, *Chairman*,
ROBERT V. BARBER,
SAMUEL LINDSAY,
WILLIAM DEAL,
D. BEVAN,
CHARLES McNEAL.

April 30, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 278.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRUSTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, to whom was referred the Ordinance from Select Council, "To place the Steam Fire Engine Young America in the possession of and under the control of the Diligent Fire Engine Company and to make an appropriation to keep the engine in serviceable and effective condition," report the same without amendment, and most earnestly recommend its adoption, believing that the wishes of the donors and wants of the community will be complied with thereby.

Respectfully yours,

ANDREW J. BAKER,
ROBERT KERSHAW,
B. F. WRIGHT,
JOHN WELSH, } *Committee.*

April 29, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To place the Steam Fire Engine "Young America" in the possession and under the control of the Diligent Fire Engine Company, and to make an appropriation to keep the engine in serviceable and effective condition.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the Steam Fire Engine "Young America" be placed in the possession and under the control of the Diligent Fire Engine Company for the space of one year from this date, with the free use of the house now occupied by said Steam Engine in Front street, and that the sum of thirty-six hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to the said Company, payable in monthly sums of three hundred dollars each at the end of every month from the date hereof; *Provided*, That it shall be the duty of the said Company to use said Steam Engine for the extinguishment of fires in said City for the space of one year, and that said Company shall place and keep said Steam Engine in serviceable and effective condition and working order; *Provided*, That the Ordinance restricting the said Company from going into other fire districts shall not apply to this Company, so far as the use of said Steam Fire Engine is concerned.

SECTION 2. Warrants for the payment of the said appropriation shall be drawn by the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, but no such warrant shall be drawn unless all the above conditions and provisions have been complied with and performed by the said Company.

SECTION 3. That all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

APPENDIX No. 279.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRUSTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, to whom was referred the petition of the

Philadelphia Hose Company, for a fire alarm signal box in their house, report that the said Company being about to place in service a Steam Fire Engine, and not wishing that said machine shall be run upon every alarm of fire, the placing of a box in the house becomes a necessity. The Committee therefore recommend the granting of the prayer of said Company and offer the following Resolution and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully yours,
 ANDREW J. BAKER,
 B. F. WRIGHT,
 ROBERT KERSHAW,
 JOHN WELSH, } *Committee.*

April 29, 1857.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the Superintendent of the Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph be and he is hereby authorized to place in the house of the Philadelphia Hose Company, S. E. corner of Seventh and Farmer streets, a Fire Alarm Signal Box, the expenses for the same to be charged to Item 13, in an Ordinance entitled an "Ordinance to make an appropriation to the Fire Department for the year 1857," approved March 2, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 280.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE.

To the President and Members of the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Committee of Conference appointed on the part of Common Council on the difference existing between the two Chambers, in the Amendment made by Select Council to the Resolution authorizing the cleansing of

Spruce Dock on the River Schuylkill. "Appendix Common Council, 201."

Report that the Committee have agreed upon the Resolution as amended by Select Council, as follows: And the Dock at the foot of Locust street, at a cost not exceeding three hundred dollars, and would recommend Common Council to concur.

WM. M. BAIRD,
JOHN McMAKIN.

April 30, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 281.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the resolution "to inquire and report to the Common Council whether the duties of a police magistrate are statedly exercised at the office of the Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, and if so, by whom and under what authority such duties are performed, and also whether any statement of the fines, penalties, and costs which may have been received by the person or persons exercising such duties, has been made to the City Controller, or any payment of the amount thereof made to the City Treasurer, as required by the 21st Section of the further Supplement to the Act consolidating the City of Philadelphia, approved May 13th, 1856," respectfully report

The following communications received in answer to inquiries addressed by the Committee to the officials therein respectively named:

To Messrs. Alexander Henry, Isaac Lecch, Jr., and William Deal, Committee :

GENTLEMEN: In reply to your communication of 26th inst., I beg leave respectfully to state, that since about the 20th of last August I have been acting as Justice of the Peace at the Mayor's Central Police Office, and am still doing so by the direction of his Honor, Mayor Vaux, to whom I respectfully beg leave to refer you for information as to my authority for so doing.

All the fines and penalties imposed and collected will be paid over to the proper authority as originally directed, on the 1st of January, and quarterly thereafter.

Respectfully yours, &c.

JOSEPH ENEU.

Philad'a, December 29th, 1856.

CITY CONTROLLER'S OFFICE,
Philadelphia, April 28th, 1857. }

TO ALEXANDER HENRY, ESQ.,
Chairman Com. C. C.

Dear Sir—In reply to your note of to-day requesting me to inform you whether Joseph Eneu, Esq., has made to me any statement of the fines, penalties, and costs which have been collected by him since the 20th day of August last; whilst exercising the duties of a Police Magistrate at the office of the Mayor, &c." I have only to report that from the Records of this Department there appear but two payments of moneys by Joseph Eneu since the above date, viz., one for the months of September, October, November and December, 1856, of \$94 50, and a second for the month of January, 1857, of \$42 50. These returns or payments are made without designating whether the above amounts were received as Aldermen of the 2d Ward, or as a Police Magistrate.

Respectfully, your obt. servt.

S. TAYLOR,

City Controller.

CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE, }
 GIRARD BANK, Philadelphia, May 22, 1856. }
 To ALEXANDER HENRY, Esq.,
Chairman Com. Common Council.

Dear Sir—In reply to your communication of the 27th instant, I respectfully state that Joseph Eneu, Esq., has paid into the office one hundred and thirty-seven dollars (\$137) at the dates named.

1857, January 22,	\$94 50
“ Feb’ry 3d,	42 50
	———— \$137

Very respectfully,

F. KNOX MORTON,

City Treasurer.

The Committee would refer to the following extract from the annual message of the Mayor, January 8, 1857, as exhibiting the views of the present Chief Executive of the City:

“The law relieving the Mayor of the function of committing Magistrate made it absolutely necessary to require a Justice of the Peace to act as such at the Central Station, without cost to the public. On a full examination of the law, I am satisfied as to the propriety of this course. Without the presence at all hours of a Magistrate, regulated and supervised efforts for the detection of offenders, the prevention of crime, and the preservation of the peace, would be vain.”

It appears from the Book of Aldermens' Commissions, G. W. C., page 22, in the office of the Recorder of Deeds, &c., that Joseph Eneu, Esq., was commissioned April 13, 1853, “as an Alderman in and for the Fourth Ward of the District of Moyamensing, City of Philadelphia and the County aforesaid.”

The 3d section of the Act of April 18th, 1855, enacts—

“That it was the true intent and meaning of the Legislature in and by the 24th Section of the Act conso-

validating the several Districts of the County of Philadelphia, and such is hereby declared to be the construction thereof, that the Aldermen in commission at the time of the passage of said Act, [February 2d, 1854,] should be Aldermen in and for the wards established therein, and should reside and hold their said office in such wards for the unexpired term of their commissions."

The Committee therefore report, that Joseph Eneu, Esq., has, since the 20th day of August, 1856, statedly exercised the duties of a Police Magistrate at the office of the Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, by the direction of the said Mayor, and since that date has made to the City Controller but two statements of fines, penalties, and costs collected by him, together amounting to one hundred and thirty-seven dollars, but in such statements there is no specification whether such fines, penalties, and costs, were collected by him as an Alderman of the Second Ward, or as a Police Magistrate at the office of the Mayor, and also, that the said Joseph Eneu has made payments of the said collections, of \$137, to the City Treasurer.

The Committee further report, that the said Joseph Eneu was elected an Alderman of the 4th Ward of the late District of Moyamensing, and was so commissioned April 13, 1853; that the said Ward is now part of the Second Ward of the City of Philadelphia, as established in the Act of Consolidation; that the said Joseph Eneu, having been in commission as Alderman at the time of the passage of the Act of Consolidation, is required by the 3d Section of the Act of April 18, 1855, to reside and hold his said office in the Second Ward of the said City for the unexpired term of his commission, ending April 13th, 1858.

The Committee also report the accompanying opinion of the City Solicitor relative to the right of the Mayor to appoint an Alderman to act at his office as a Police Magistrate.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

	ALEXANDER HENRY,	} Committee.
April 30, 1857.	WILLIAM DEAL,	

CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE,
January 20, 1856. }

ALEXANDER HENRY, ESQ.,

Chairman of a Special Committee of Common Council.

Sir—I duly received your communication of the 12th inst., requesting my opinion on the question whether a Justice of the Peace or Alderman can exercise jurisdiction elsewhere than in his office in the ward or district for which he has been elected, and whether the Mayor of the City can appoint any Justice of the Peace or Alderman, other than one elected by Councils as a Police Magistrate, to act as a Committing Magistrate out of the ward for which he has been elected.

As this is the first occasion on which my attention has been officially called to the subject, I have delayed answering your communication sufficiently long to enable me to examine the several Acts of Assembly bearing on the questions you have proposed.

The rule prevalent generally throughout the State is that these officers shall both reside and keep their offices in the ward or district for which they have been elected. The first section of the Act of 22d February, 1802, provides that “no Justice of the Peace shall act as such unless he shall reside within the limits of the district for which he was commissioned;” and the thirteenth section of the Act of 21st June, 1839, declares that the several Aldermen and Justices of the Peace “during their continuance in office shall respectively keep their offices in the ward, borough, or township for which they shall have been elected.”

If these provisions were intended to apply to Philadelphia, the ordinance of November 15th, 1855, would be in point of law more than questionable. That ordinance created sixteen police districts out of the twenty-four wards, and consequently in several instances, constituted one district out of two wards. A subsequent section provides for the annual election by Councils of “one Alderman to be a Police or Committing Magistrate in each Police district.” It thus ne-

cessarily happens that an Alderman elected in one ward acts for one district composed of two wards and sometimes in a ward for which he was not elected. Thus, for example, Alderman Carter was elected in the third ward, and under this ordinance acts in the sixth, and Alderman Moore was elected in the fourth ward and acts in the fifth. Other illustrations might be given.

I know of no authority for these proceedings higher than that found in the twenty-first section of the Act of 3d May, 1850; and if that Act sanctions the ordinance of 15th November, 1855, it will go far to justify the Mayor in the right which your communication supposes him to claim. The section I have mentioned enacts "that each and every Mayor, Judge, and Alderman, or other person now having or that may hereafter have the powers of Justice of the Peace and Committing Magistrate within and for said district, or any part of the same, may and shall be a Justice of the Peace and Committing Magistrate for the whole of said Police district for the purposes of this Act, and of said Police and Police establishment and for no other purpose," &c. It is not clear at first sight whether the word *district* used in this section refers to the respective municipalities out of which the present City is composed, or to the Police district mentioned in the seventh section for which a Marshal of Police was by that Act created, and which was made to embrace the territory of the present City. If the latter be the true reading of the Act (as a more careful examination shows it to be,) then every Alderman in that Police district may *for police purposes* act as a Magistrate in any part of the district, or in other words, in any part of the present City. It will be observed, however, that the Act applies to cases of criminal and not of civil jurisdiction.

The next provision of importance is the first section of the Act of 13th May, 1856, which abolishes the office of Marshal of Police created by the Act of 1850, and confers on the Mayor all the powers heretofore vested in the Marshal and not subordinate to those of

the Mayor. It concludes thus: "The Mayor shall not hereafter sit as a Committing Magistrate, but as the executive head of the City and its Police, may issue warrants and cause arrests to be made, in accordance with law, returnable before any Police Magistrate."

It is clear from the words, context, and spirit, as well as the history of this Act, that it was intended to increase the Mayor's efficiency and not to impair it. It seems to have been thought impossible for him to perform the new and important duties cast on the office by the Act of Consolidation and its supplements, if his time continued to be occupied with the mere hearing of cases. I do not find that it was intended to take away any of his powers, or to interfere in the least, with the jurisdiction of the inferior Magistrates. It is an enabling rather than a disabling statute; and we are bound to effectuate its purpose, if possible, by a fair and liberal construction.

There is nothing in the Act of 1856, which in express terms limits the Mayor in his selection of a Magistrate to those previously designated by Councils. If this had been intended, it is fair to presume it would have been expressed; and in the absence of such a provision, I see nothing to warrant this Department in putting that construction on the Act. The term *Police Magistrate* is commonly used as synonymous with *Committing Magistrate*; that is, one who has power to hear a police case and to commit the party complained against. It is so used in the first section of the Act of 1856, and the twenty-first section of the Act of 1850, which have been quoted. It is so used in the twenty-fourth section of the Act of 1854, which authorizes "Councils to designate and appoint as many of the Aldermen of said City as the public welfare may require, to be Police and Committing Magistrates," &c. It is so used in the Ordinance of 15th November, 1855, the seventh section of which provides for the annual election of "one Alderman to be a Police or Committing Magistrate in each Police district;" and yet it could not have been the intention of that Ordinance to include all Police or Committing

Magistrates, for it provides for the designation of not more than one-third of them; and it could not have been the intention to exclude the others from the hearing of Police cases, for they all have that right by the general law, and by the twenty-first section of the Act of 1850, they are severally entitled to exercise it over the entire City. I conclude, therefore, that as the Act of 1856 does not say otherwise, it must be taken to employ the term Police Magistrate in its general and usual acceptation, and not in the restricted sense in which it is used by the Ordinance of November and the single section of the Act of February on which that Ordinance is founded.

But where shall the Magistrate, selected under the Act of 1856, hear the cases thus referred to him? This has not been provided for, but I presume it may be done at any place within the limits of the City convenient to himself and to the Mayor. I see nothing to prevent it being done, as it has been from time immemorial, in the public office of the Mayor. The use of the word *returnable* in reference to the warrants to be issued by that officer, seems to point to a hearing at the place from which they shall be issued. The Mayor is clearly not deprived of any of the powers he possessed in regard to the cases before the passage of the Act, except simply hearing them and taking the testimony. It may be his duty to advise and assist in the procurement of the testimony and particularly in the taking of bail. He may be responsible for the large amount of stolen and other property, which frequently before the case is heard, finds its way to his office. To require his absence from his public office, and his frequent attendance through the day at some Police station-house, for the performance of these duties would render the Act of 1856, a public evil and not a benefit. I cannot so construe it.

These views, I presume, will form a sufficient answer to the questions submitted by the Committee.

Very respectfully,

WM. A. PORTER,
City Solicitor.

The undersigned, although he has, as a member of the Special Committee, concurred in reporting to the Common Council the annexed opinion of the City Solicitor, presents the following reasons for his dissent from the views therein expressed:

The Act of the 21st of June, 1839, entitled "An Act providing for the election of Aldermen and Justices of the Peace," Section 13, enacts that "The several Aldermen and Justices of the Peace elected and commissioned *under this Act* * * * * during their continuance in office, shall respectively keep their offices in the ward, borough, or township for which they have been elected."

The terms of this Act are too explicit to admit of any question as to its intended scope. The first section relates not only to the election of Aldermen by "The qualified voters of the respective wards, boroughs and townships in this Commonwealth" generally, but expressly provides for such election in "the city and incorporated districts of the County of Philadelphia."

The 24th Section of the Act of February 2d, 1854, known as the Act of Consolidation, is equally conclusive upon this point. It provides that "those Aldermen and Justices of the Peace, who are in office at the time of the passage of this Act shall CONTINUE to reside and hold their offices within the limits of the ward, township, or borough in which they were originally elected," and also, that "That the Aldermen of the said City shall be elected in each ward * * * *in accordance with the provisions of the Act of Assembly of June 21st, Anno Domini 1839, entitled An Act providing for the election of Aldermen and Justices of the Peace*" and the acts supplementary thereto."

The 3d Section of the Act of April 18, 1856, (quoted in the foregoing report,) is clear and decisive in its declaration of the true intent and meaning of the prior enactments.

If the Act of Consolidation and its Supplement did not thus expressly recognize and re-enact the provisions of the Act of 1839, as applicable to the Alder-

men elected in the City of Philadelphia, but two previous Statutes could in any wise lead to a different conclusion. One of these, the Act of May 3d, 1850, constituting the City of Philadelphia and adjacent incorporated districts into one Police District, in Section 21, enacted, that

“Each and every Mayor, Judge and Alderman, or other person now having, or that may hereafter have the powers of a Justice of the Peace and committing Magistrate within and for said district, or any part of the same, may and shall be a Justice of the Peace and committing Magistrate for the whole of said Police District, *for the purposes of this Act*, and of said police and police establishment, *and for no other purpose*” &c.

It would be a sufficient answer to any argument based upon this Act, that its provisions have been virtually, if not expressly, repealed by the Act of Consolidation, and that a new police and police establishment have taken the place of those therein constituted. But a careful consideration of the foregoing Section, shows, that while for the purposes of the said Act, “and for no other purpose” it recognized or extended the jurisdiction of the Magistrates therein named “over the whole of said Police District,” it also distinctly asserted that some of these Magistrates (the Judges) had the power of Justices of the Peace “*within and for said district*,” whilst others of them (Mayors and Aldermen) had, and would thereafter have but a “part of the same” district WITHIN which to exercise a jurisdiction over and for the whole thereof.

Moreover, the “power and authority *to act in any part* of the City or incorporated districts aforesaid” is by the 18th Section only conferred upon “all persons who shall be organized under this Act as the police force,” and consequently is impliedly withheld from such of the committing Magistrates, and others named in the Act, who did not previously possess it.

The other Act, to which reference has been made, of March 29th, 1851, Section 12, enacts that “The several Aldermen, Justices of the Peace, and Constables elected and commissioned in the City and County of

Philadelphia, shall hereafter severally and respectively have and enjoy all the jurisdiction throughout the said City, county, districts and townships of said county as is by law vested in the several Justices of the Peace in this Commonwealth."

Concurrent jurisdiction, alike in civil and criminal cases, THROUGHOUT the consolidated City of Philadelphia, is thus vested in the Aldermen thereof, but without any modification or repeal of those prior statutes which determine THE LOCALITY IN WHICH such jurisdiction is to be exercised.

The following dicta, parts of decisions of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, made before the passage of the several Acts of Assembly herein referred to, will show what has been and still is the settled law of the State relative to the jurisdiction of Aldermen and Justices of the Peace.

In *Share vs. Anderson's Executors*, 7 Serg. & R., 62, (1821) Gibson J, delivering the opinion of the Court, says, a Justice "can do no act, nor exercise any judicial function out of his proper district or county. If jurisdiction were given to Justices of the Peace for considerations that relate only to their office or persons, it is not easy to discover anything like a reason for the Legislature having attached any *local* qualification to it."

In *King vs. King*, 1 Penn. Rep. 19, (1829,) the same eminent jurist, in delivering, as Chief Justice, the opinion of the same Court, says, "A Court is defined to be a place where justice is judicially administered, and a Justice of the Peace [or Alderman] being a judicial officer, must necessarily have HIS COURT OR PLACE of administering justice. That the matter has been so regarded by the Legislature, is clear, from the Act of Assembly, by which he is forbidden to keep his "stated office" in a tavern.

In 1 Ashmead's Reports, 131, (cases adjudged in the Court of Common Pleas), Judge King held, that a Justice of the Peace in the county, had no jurisdiction to administer an oath in the City of Philadelphia.

The Statutes and judicial decisions thus concur in requiring every Alderman to exercise his jurisdiction, whether civil or criminal, in his office in the ward for which he has been elected, except in those cases, (as for instance in proceedings to obtain possession of demised premises, &c.,) where he is specially enabled to do otherwise.

The 1st Section of the Act of May 13, 1856, enacts, that "The Mayor shall not hereafter sit as a committing Magistrate, but as the executive head of the City and its police, may issue warrants and cause arrests to be made, in accordance with the law, returnable before any Police Magistrate."

If, by the provisions of former Statutes, the jurisdiction of Aldermen, although extending throughout the City, could only be exercised in their respective offices and wards, the foregoing section does not enable them to exercise such jurisdiction elsewhere.

The term "Police Magistrate" is not made use of in any Act prior to that of Consolidation, and there occurs only in the 24th Section, whereby Councils are authorized "to designate and appoint as many of the Aldermen of the said City as the public welfare may require, to be Police or Committing Magistrates, who shall receive such compensation as Councils may provide and pay, and it shall not be lawful for any Alderman in said City to take fees in criminal cases; * * * Provided, that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to prohibit any Alderman now in commission, from becoming a candidate for election to that *office*."

This term is also used in the 25th Section of the Supplement of April 21st, 1856, and in the 1st and 21st Sections of that of May 13, 1856, and it is believed, is not to be found in any other Act of Assembly.

The Act of consolidation terms it an *office*, and in the context clearly designates those Magistrates who are to receive compensation for executing the criminal laws of the Commonwealth after election by Councils as the "Police Magistrates."

The term "police," as used in the Act relating to the return of warrants issued by the Mayor, must either designate those Aldermen for whom compensation is provided, or it is without meaning, and mere surplusage. If the latter be the true construction, it gives to the Chief Executive of the City the right to require of any Alderman the performance of duties which may occupy the whole of his time, and for which he can receive no fees or remuneration—a power, which in the hands of an unscrupulous executive, might be used vindictively.

The Municipal Ordinance of November 15, 1855, which created sixteen Police Districts, and provided that Councils should annually elect one Alderman to be a Police or Committing Magistrate in each district, does not thereby necessarily conflict with the laws of the State relative to the jurisdiction of Aldermen. If Councils have elected Aldermen to act as Police Magistrates out of the ward in which they reside, such election can confer no power to exercise such jurisdiction out of their appropriate localities. The legality of the 8th Section of this Ordinance, which makes it the duty of Police Magistrates to attend at their respective district station houses for the purpose of hearing and disposing of the prisoners there detained, may well be questioned.

The Mayor of the City has neither the statutory right, nor the inherent power to confer upon any judicial officer a jurisdiction not otherwise possessed.

If the official acts of any one Alderman done out of his appropriate district, are valid in the execution of criminal process, they are, under the enabling Act of March 29, 1851, equally valid in civil cases; and if one Alderman has the right to establish his court of justice out of the ward in which he has been elected, the same right pertains to every other Alderman in the City. Interest or convenience might assemble the Aldermen of Philadelphia in one locality, to which all suitors might be obliged to resort, however remote from their places of business or abode, and thus the obvious design of the law for the better maintenance

of good order, and for the convenience of citizens, by the distribution of Magistrates throughout the extended limits of the City, would be essentially frustrated.

The Act of Assembly, which authorizes the Mayor to issue warrants, returnable before any Police Magistrate, undoubtedly contemplates the exercise of jurisdiction by such Magistrate in his appropriate office and ward, and thus harmonizes with the spirit and letter of those statutes of our Commonwealth, which, in making tribunals of law of convenient access to all its citizens, promote the administration of justice and the best interests of society.

ALEXANDER HENRY.

APPENDIX No. 282.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: Your Committee, to whom were referred several petitions of citizens, praying that Cohock-sink Creek be culverted, beg leave to report, That we have had the subject under consideration, and have examined the courses of said creek from Front to Fifth street, and find that it is in the condition mentioned in the petitions referred to your Committee.

From Front to Second street there are several feet deep of perishing vegetable and animal matter, and along the entire line of said creek, at this early season, of the year, the stench arising is very offensive, and does endanger the health and lives of the citizens of the Sixteenth, Seventeenth and Eighteenth Wards, if not the city generally, and should it cause an epidemic, if only for a few days, and confined to the neighborhood of the creek in July or August next, would cost

ten times as much money, as is now required to culvert said creek from Front to Sixth street, say \$50,000.

Your Committee have ascertained, that if said creek is culverted at an early day this Spring, the increased value of the property will, in two years thereafter, pay a tax sufficient to liquidate the debt and interest within thirty years. As to the expense of constructing the culvert, your Committee refers Council to the able Report of Strickland Kneass, to be found in Appendix No. 192, from page 568 to 575, C. C. Journal, from November 1st, 1855 to May, 1856. Your Committee are of the opinion that the entire creek should be culverted from Front to Fifth street, as soon as possible, and that a loan should be created to defray expenses thereof.

But, as this Council has but one stated meeting before the Term for which they were elected has expired, it is impossible for them to take any action on the matter. We, therefore, ask the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved, That we recommend to the next Council an early attention to the subject of culverting Cohocksink Creek from Front to Fifth street, as a measure required for the preservation of the health and lives of the citizens, and one that will increase the revenue of the city, within a few years, by taxes accruing from the improvements which will be made along the line of said creek.

C. B. F. O'NEILL, *Chairman*,
G. W. SCHOFIELD,
BENJ. H. BROWN.

To the President and Members of Select and Common Councils.

GENTLEMEN : The undersigned Practitioners of Medicine in the northern part of the city, respectfully ask your immediate attention to culverting Cohocksink Creek, believing, as we do, that there is no more prolific cause of disease. In the summer months there

are always more cases of typhoid fever, dysentery, and other low forms of disease to be met with in this locality than elsewhere, and we fear if an epidemic, yellow fever or other disease were to visit us, this would be a fruitful place for its propagation.

W. H. GOMINGER, M. D.,	GEO. B. LUMMIS, M. D.,
DAVID P. BOYER, M. D.,	GEORGE S. KEMBLE, M. D.,
W. P. VASEY, M. D.,	DE WITT C. TAYLOR, M. D.,
GEO. P. OLIVER, M. D.,	CHAS. H. TAYLOR, M. D.,
JOHN HOUSTON, M. D.,	ISAAC REMINGTON,
THOMAS W. CRAIGE, M. D.,	JNO. K. KNORR, M. D.

APPENDIX No. 283.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRUSTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, to whom was referred the communication from the "Superintendent of Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph," in relation to the placing of an Alarm Box in the office of the Engineer of the Twenty-fourth Ward Water Works, respectfully report the annexed Ordinance and ask its adoption.

ANDREW J. BAKER,	} Committee.
ROBERT KERSHAW,	
B. F. WRIGHT,	
JOHN WELSH,	

April 29, 1857.

AN ORDINANCE

To authorize the placing of a Fire Alarm Box in the Office of the Engineer of Twenty-fourth Ward Water Works, and to make an appropriation therefor.

SECTION 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the Superin-

tendent of the Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph be and he is hereby authorized to place in the Office of the Engineer of the Twenty-fourth Ward Water Works a Telegraphic Alarm Box similar to those now in use in the Police station houses, and to erect and place all the necessary poles, &c. to connect the same with the Police station in said Ward.

SECTION 2. That the sum of six hundred and fifty dollars is hereby appropriated to the payment of the necessary expenses in erecting the same.

SECTION 3. That warrants for the payment of the same shall be drawn by the Mayor in the form prescribed in existing Ordinances in regard to drawing warrants for the payment of money from the City Treasury.

APPENDIX No. 284.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRUSTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Trusts and Fire Department, to whom was referred the application of the Spring Garden Hose Company for admission into the department, report, that after a careful examination and at the solicitation of citizens of their neighborhood, the Committee recommend their admission and offer the following Resolution.

ANDREW J. BAKER,	} Committee.
JOHN WELSH,	
B. F. WRIGHT,	
CHARLES M. SLOCUM,	

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the services of the Spring Garden Hose Company be accepted, and that they be admitted into the Fire Department.

APPENDIX No. 285.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Highways, &c. have considered certain petitions praying for the passage of a Resolution directing the opening of Dean street from Bedford street across Franklin Avenue into Duke street, in the Eighteenth Ward. The said Dean street is laid upon the plan of the late District of Kensington and is now in the midst of a densely populated locality, and the Committee are assured that the damages incurred by the opening of said street will be small in amount. The Committee are of the opinion that the circumstances connected with opening of said street are such as warrant them in submitting the annexed Resolution and recommending its adoption.

Respectfully submitted by

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman,*

J. G. SORVER,

JOHN M. FORD,

April 30, 1857.

THO'S J. ROBERTS,

RESOLUTION

To give notice of the opening of Dean street in the Eighteenth Ward.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That the Chief Commissioner of Highways is hereby directed to give notice to the owners of the ground through and over which Dean street will pass from Bedford street northward across Franklin avenue into Duke street, that at the expiration of three months from the time of service of said notice the said Dean street will be opened for public use, as authorised by the seventh section of the Act of Assembly, approved April 21, 1856.

APPENDIX No. 286.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the President and Members of the Common Council.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Highways, &c., have had under consideration the resolution from Select Council herenunto annexed, entitled, Resolution to authorize the paving of certain streets, passed on the 2d inst., and thereupon they report.

That numerous petitions were referred to them, asking for authority to pave other streets in different parts of the city, and inasmuch as all such paving is done at the expense of the owners of property—the city paying only for the intersections—the Committee are of the opinion that all proper and reasonable facilities should be given to the owners who desire to improve their property, and bring it into the market for building purposes.

And in order to save expense in the advertising and recording, the Committee have amended the Resolution from Select Council, so as to include all the other streets, for the paving of which, petitions have been presented. They, therefore, propose to amend the Resolution, so that the same shall read as follows :

1. *Resolved, by the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia,* That the owners of property, or a majority thereof, fronting on the following named streets, viz :—

Austin street, from Wharton to Reed street, in the First Ward.

Brown street, from Ridge avenue to Francis street ;
Granite street, from Seventeenth to Eighteenth street ;
Fifteenth street, from Centre to Barclay street, in the Fifteenth Ward.

Nineteenth street, from Coates street to Ridge avenue, in the Fifteenth and Twentieth Wards.

Jefferson street, from Fifth to Sixth street, in the Seventeenth Ward.

Adam street, from Columbia avenue to Cherry street;
Sixth street, from Susquehanna avenue to Lehigh avenue ;

Price street, from Frankford road to Amber street, in the Nineteenth Ward.

Oxford street, from Tenth to Twelfth street ;

Marvine street, from Jefferson to Montgomery street ;

Thompson street, from Eleventh to Broad street ;

Mifflin street, from Jefferson to Oxford street ;

Merchant street, from Thompson to Master street ;

Robertson street, from Master to Jefferson street, in the Twentieth Ward ; and

Market street, from Till street to the commencement of the Plank Road, in the Twenty-fourth Ward,

—are hereby authorized to pave the same, *Provided*, that the city shall be at no expense for the said paving, except for the intersections, and the contractors for doing the said paving, shall enter into an obligation to keep the same in good repair for two years from the time the same is finished ; *And provided further*, that water pipe be laid in said streets before the paving is begun.

Also, add the following :

2d. *Resolved*, That the Department of Highways is authorized to do the grading necessary in the streets named in the foregoing resolution, preparatory to the paving thereof, and the said department is also authorized to grade Manheim street, from the plank road to Wissahickon street, in the Twenty-second Ward, and to expend therein not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars.

3d. *Resolved*, That the owners of property on Franklin street, from Jefferson street to Columbia avenue, and on Master street, from Sixteenth street to Ridge avenue, in the Twentieth Ward, be notified to set the curb stone, and pave the footways in front of their respective properties.

Also, amend the title so as to read as follows : “Resolutions to authorize the paving and grading of certain streets, and for other purposes.”

Which second and third resolutions are the same as those which have already passed Select Council.

And the Committee submit the said resolution thus amended, and recommend its adoption by Common Council. Respectfully submitted, by

AND'W MILLER, *Chairman*.

J. G. SORVER,

THOS. J. ROBERTS,

JOHN M. FORD.

Philadelphia, April 30, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 287.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The petition, asking Councils to take action to widen Vienna street, in the Eighteenth Ward, has been referred to the Committee on Highways, &c., and has been duly considered by them.

The 7th Section of the Supplement to the Consolidation Act, approved April 21, 1855, provides, "That whenever Councils shall deem the public exigency to demand it, they may order by ordinance any street laid upon any of the public plans of the City to be *opened*, giving three months notice thereof to the owner."

It will be observed that this law does not confer upon Councils the power to take any action upon the *widening* of any street, but only to the *opening* of such as are laid down on any of the public plans of the City.

The Committee, therefore, submit the Resolution hereunto annexed, and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted.

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,

JOHN M. FORD.

J. G. SORVER,

CHARLES F. ISEMINER,

Philadelphia, May 4, 1857.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the Committee on Highways, &c., be discharged from the further consideration of the petition for the widening of Vienna street, in the Eighteenth Ward, and the petitioners are advised to apply to the proper Court for that purpose.

APPENDIX No. 288.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Highways, to whom was referred some weeks since the petition from John McCloud and Jacob Opperman, asking for the payment of certain Road damages therein mentioned, have duly considered the same, and thereupon they respectfully report:

The petitioners are owners of property on an *eighteen* feet wide street, called Penn street, extending from Eleventh westward, to Ridge Road, south of Coates street, in the Fourteenth Ward. By one of the sections of the Supplement to the Consolidation law, passed in 1855, all new buildings on streets less than twenty feet wide must recede from the line an equal distance each side, so as to make the street twenty feet.

One of the petitioners, John McCloud owns a lot 18 feet front, on each side of the street, or two lots of that size on the same side, (the Committee were not informed which,) and the other, Jacob Opperman, owns one 18 feet lot, and the jury have awarded the first-named, sixty dollars, and the latter thirty dollars.

The Committee cannot see that these petitioners have suffered any damage. All the advantages of widening a street result to the owners of property on

each side of it, and it is scarcely possible to imagine a case wherein those advantages would not be more than equivalent to the loss of a single foot of ground from the depth of a lot.

The 18th Section of the further Supplement to the Consolidation law, approved May 13, 1856, Provides "That Councils may in all cases refuse to appropriate for the opening or widening of any street, until the owners or citizens to be benefitted shall have contributed the whole, or any part thereof, as counsels may have determined to be just." And in the cases now submitted, the Committee are of the opinion that the advantages arising to the petitioners are greater than the damage sustained, and they submit the annexed resolution, and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted by

ANDREW MILLER, *Chairman*,
CHARLES F. ISEMINER,
J. G. SORVER,
JOHN M. FORD.

Philad'a, May 4, 1857.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, That by the widening of Penn street, in the Fourteenth Ward, John McCloud has been benefitted to the amount of sixty dollars, and Jacob Opperman to the amount of thirty dollars, and when they shall have contributed these sums respectively to the City Treasury, Councils will make an appropriation to pay the damage arising from the widening of said street.

APPENDIX No. 289.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAW.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Law, to whom was referred the Bill from Select Council, entitled "An

Ordinance to prohibit the sale of game when out of season.

Respectfully report the same as committed, and ask its adoption.

C. B. F. O'NEILL, *Chairman*,
GEORGE NORTHROP,
HENRY T. KING,
CHARLES E. LEX,
WILLIAM DEAL,

Philad'a, May 4, 1857. M. J. DOUGHERTY.

APPENDIX No. 290.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAW.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Law, to whom was referred the Petition of citizens of the 7th Precinct, 12th Ward, asking that the place of holding the elections in said precinct be changed from the house of Mr. Kirk, at the corner of Sixth and Brown, to the house southwest corner of Fifth and Poplar, kept by L. D. Wright, beg leave to report, That in consequence of the premises at which the elections are by law now held, are about being torn down, and consequently unless the prayer of the petitioners be granted, the citizens of the precinct will have no place to hold the ensuing election. They therefore report in favor of the same, and ask the adoption of the following Resolution.

C. B. F. O'NEILL, *Chairman*,
GEORGE NORTHROP,
WILLIAM DEAL,

Philad'a, May 4, 1857. HENRY T. KING.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the place of holding the elections in the 7th Precinct, 12th Ward, be removed from Kirk's,

at the corner of Sixth and Brown streets, to the house of L. D. Wright, southwest corner of Fifth and Poplar streets.

APPENDIX No. 291.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAW.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Law respectfully report that they have had under consideration the Petition of Robert Doak of the First Ward of the City, in relation to the remission of a penalty for a violation of the Building Inspection Laws, and beg leave to report the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the petition of Robert Doak, as aforesaid, be referred to the City Solicitor to examine the same, with power to take such action as the circumstances of the case may seem to require.

C. B. F. O'NEILL, *Chairman*,
M. J. DOUGHERTY,
CHAS. E. LEX,
HENRY T. KING.

Philad'a, May 4, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 292.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON POLICE.

To the President and Members of Common Council:

GENTLEMEN: Your Police Committee, to whom was referred the claims of Mr. James Tagert, late Police

Magistrate of the 19th Ward, Mr. John Clouds, late Police Magistrate of the 18th Ward, and Adam H. Shoemaker, late Police Magistrate of the 16th Ward, for arrears of pay due them for services as Police Magistrates, beg leave to report that they have examined, approve, and return to Common Council the bills as committed to them, and ask that said bills may be referred to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to report an ordinance making an appropriation to pay the same, and offer the following Resolution.

LEWIS BREMER, *Chairman*,
ROBT. V. BARBER,
SAMUEL LINDSAY,
CHARLES MCNEAL,

Philad'a, May 4, 1857. WILLIAM DEAL.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to report an ordinance for the payment of the bills.

APPENDIX No. 293.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PORT WARDENS, PUBLIC WHARVES
AND LANDINGS.

To the President and Members of Common Council.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Port Wardens, Public Wharves and Landings, to whom was referred Resolution from Select Council, authorizing the Commissioner of Markets to invite proposals for public advertisement for the construction of counting-houses at Coates and Green street wharves;

Respectfully Report back the Resolution as committed, and would ask its adoption.

WM. M. BAIRD, *Chairman*,
JOHN McMAKIN,
WILLIAM C. KELLY,

Philad'a, May 4, 1857. FRANCIS McMANUS.

APPENDIX No. 294.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MARKETS.

To the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Markets, to whom was referred a petition of sundry citizens, asking that the open space at the eastern end of the market, Section 10, be set apart to them for the purpose of selling sea and other fish, respectfully beg leave to report adverse thereto, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

NICHOLAS BROUS, *Chairman.*

CHARLES VANHORN,

SAM'L P. DUTTON,

JOHN F. MASCHER.

May 7, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 295.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, }
May 7, 1857. }

To the President and Members of the Common Council of the City of Philadelphia.

GENTLEMEN: An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to authorize a Loan for the purchase of the Gas Works of the Germantown Gas Company, the Richmond Gas Company, the Kensington Gas Company, the Northern Liberties Gas Company, the Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Company, the Manayunk Gas Company, and for the use of the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works," has been presented for Executive approval.

This Ordinance is intended to authorize and enable the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works to purchase the other gas works in Philadelphia, now owned

by private stockholders, and to manufacture and retail gas at a reduced and equalized cost. To accomplish this object a loan of one million of dollars is authorized. This is a succinct statement of the proposed purposes of this ordinance. The following objections exist to its approval :

First. The property of the Gas Companies to be purchased, and for which a specified price is fixed, does not include all the property of said Companies. No reference is made in this Ordinance to the delivery into the possession of the Trustees, (the purchasers) of either the stock of gas on hand at the time of sale ; or the proceeds of the gas consumed, but unsettled for at the time of sale ; or the outstanding bills due ; or the accumulation of profits, if any such fund exists ; or to the delivery of the books, papers and vouchers of said Companies.

The Stockholders on receiving what is no doubt regarded as a full price for their works, may have property valuable to them, which added to the purchase money received, would thus increase the proportion to be divided, beyond the fair value of the property sold ; yet the prices paid are intended to compensate for all the property of these Companies.

Second. This Ordinance contains no provision requiring the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works, to reduce and equalize the price of gas, and in the event of any failure to reduce and equalize the price, no penalty is provided. It is to be remarked, that from the 22d of December, 1836, to this time, say twenty years, over a million and a quarter of dollars have been raised by loans, for the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works, and the price of gas has only been reduced from \$3.50 to \$2.25 per 1000 feet. This reduction took place while other Gas Companies were proposed to be established, or in existence. If a monopoly is given to the Philadelphia Gas Works, and another loan of a million of dollars is to be raised, it is not probable that a much shorter period than twenty years will suffice to effect a further reduction

of the price, unless a stringent and effective provision is enacted for the purpose.

Third. This Ordinance does not fix a time at which it shall be obligatory on the Trustees, after having accepted the contract thus made between the City of Philadelphia, and the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works, to reduce the price of gas manufactured under said contract. It is to be remarked that the sixth section of this Ordinance gives to the Trustees the right to take possession of the property purchased, and on their requisition, the City Treasurer "shall be required forthwith to issue the Certificates of Loan." The possession and use of the Gas Works purchased, will be in the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works, yet this Ordinance neither requires them under a penalty to carry out the great end and object of the Ordinance, nor fixes a period when it shall be done. The whole spirit and nearly all the language of this Ordinance too clearly indicate, that the City Councils are subordinate to the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works.

Fourth. This Ordinance exhausts the power of the municipal representatives of the people, over their right to have equal benefits from this effort at equal taxation; and leaves the whole power in a body, that is "responsible but not subject to the City Legislature." By the fifth section of this Ordinance, "The Gas Works purchased under the authority of this Ordinance, shall be under the exclusive control and management of said Trustees." With the said Trustees is the power to "fix the price of gas." The only proviso in the section which seems to retain in Councils any Legislative authority, relates to the "introduction and consumption of gas."

Fifth. Though the Ordinance specifies the loan to be of one million of dollars, it is not considered as a sum sufficient to accomplish the object, and an additional loan will be required; yet the Ordinance gives to the Trustees the power to sell the real and personal property purchased by them, under the provisions of

its first section, so that in fact the amount of money which will be vested in the Trustees, will greatly exceed the sum of one million of dollars.

Sixth. The Act of consolidation, passed February 2, 1854, makes it the duty of the City of Philadelphia to establish a Department of Gas, as a separate branch of the City government, subject as well as responsible, to the municipal Legislature. This Ordinance entirely ignores such obligation, and places the entire and exclusive control of the consolidated Gas Works of the City, in the hands of the Trustees of the City Works. If the two millions of dollars which the scope of the Ordinance permits to be used for the object of reducing and equalizing the price of gas, was placed under the management of a municipal department properly organized, the rights of the gas consumers would be in the custody of the immediate representatives of the municipal constituency. The advantages of competition would thus be added to direct legislation, to effect what this Ordinance contemplates, but does not enforce, a reduction and equalization of the prices to be paid by the consumers of gas.

Seventh. There is not in any one of the sections of this Ordinance any direction, or requirement, or directory proviso, which in any way refers to a reduction in the price of gas, as either a duty of the Trustees or as a condition of the contract, or an express stipulation between the Trustees and the City of Philadelphia. It is to be remarked that the extension and enlargement of the Gas Works is the alone plainly specified result, which this Ordinance contemplates.

Eighth. This Ordinance, while it gives to the Trustees of the City Works, the management of the consolidated Gas Works of the City, and the increased capital of nearly two millions of dollars, does not provide that this increase of capital is to be represented by any additional number of Trustees. This omission is not justified by the terms of the fiftieth section of the Act of February 2, 1854. There are other objections to this Ordinance, but those already stated are of such

grave import, that I cannot disregard them. Singular as it may appear, in this Ordinance, not one word is to be found, from the first to the last line of its several sections, which indicates that a reduction in the price of gas was ever contemplated as an object to be attained by its provisions. And it is quite as singular, that if the price could be reduced by the terms of the Ordinance, no time is named, or fixed, when this coveted benefit is to have existence. In legislation of this kind, nothing should be taken for granted. No one is more unequivocally in favor of a reduction and equalization in the price of gas to a common standard to all consumers, than myself. It is a municipal right, which a municipal government is required by proper means to secure to all who are interested in municipal privileges, obligations and duties. However desirous I may be to aid in such objects, any action should be avoided by which this very right may be placed beyond the power of the City Legislature to protect. To prevent even the possibility of such an evil, caution will never be censured by any, but those, who cavil at every difference of opinion with their own.

Fully sensible of the responsibility, I prefer to take all its weight, in an effort to protect the municipal rights of every citizen against legislation, which surrenders them to a management not "subject to the control" of their municipal representatives.

I respectfully invite attention to this subject, in the hope, that at the earliest moment consistent with careful investigation, an Ordinance may be presented to me, free from these objections. As this Ordinance authorizes "new constructions," the provision of the twenty-first section of the supplement of 21st of April, 1855, imposes upon me a duty of painful responsibility, and I am most anxious, for such carefully considered legislation on this subject, as will meet my approval, and thus become a law.

The objections to this Ordinance will be found to rest mainly on the ground that municipal control and supervision are essential, where municipal responsibility exists.

Respectfully,

RICHARD VAUX, *Mayor of Philadelphia.*



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